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Iraq wants to secure its right

War may resume if Iran searches ships: Saddam

BAGHDAD, Sept 6. (Agencies) Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said today Iraq's eight-year war with Iran could resume if the Iranians searched any Iraqi ships in the Gulf.

"If one Iraqi ship is searched it means war breaks out," Saddam told a conference of Arab information ministers in Baghdad. "God willing this will not happen."

Saddam said the war, which has claimed at least one million casualties, had not formally ended despite a UN-mediated ceasefire which went into effect on Aug 20.

Navigation

"The Iranian leaders continuously remind us in their statements that the war has not ended," the Iraqi leader said.

Freedom of navigation in the Gulf is one of the main sticking points that have prevented progress of peace talks between Iran and Iraq in Geneva which began on Aug 25.

Iraq insists it has the right under international law to con-

tinue intercepting Iraqi-bound war cargoes in the waterway until a comprehensive peace is signed.

Iraq said it stopped and searched the Iraqi merchant ship Khawla which entered the Gulf when the ceasefire took effect on Aug 20 but allowed it to proceed.

Iraq, which sent the ship into the Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz as a test of Iranian intentions, said the Khawla had been harassed by an Iranian helicopter but had not been searched.

Balanced

The Khawla left the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr on Sunday on a second voyage through the Gulf, bound for the Mediterranean.

Saddam tried to inspect its ships, Saddam said.

"The Iranians are not masters of the sea ... they have sovereignty only over their territory and territorial waters."

"We respect that and the Iranians should respect Arab sovereignty and the freedom of the Arabs, including Iraq, to use their territorial waters," Saddam said.

He added that he hoped the ceasefire "will be a comprehen-

sive and durable peace that will protect the dignity of the Iranians and the Arabs."

But the Iraqi leader threatened a tough response if Iran continued searching Gulf shipping.

"Why do they inspect our ships? We will send our naval fleet to catch their ships one after the other," he said.

Earlier, the vice-chairman of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council told the Baghdad conference that Iran should not expect to win any territorial gains at the Geneva talks.

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In Geneva, UN mediators pursued low-level negotiations and progress was apparently insufficient to merit meeting the foreign ministers of Iran or Iraq.

But as Iranian Ambassador



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Suspended

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As Iranian Ambassador

Sirous Nasseri arrived for fresh talks with UN mediator Jan Eliasson, he discouraged speculation the talks might have to be adjourned.

"It's hard to say right now. We'll have to see," Nasseri said when asked if the talks might be suspended. "They are continuing. There has been a lot of talk about recess but there has been no recess so far."

Negotiations stalled at the outset over details of the ceasefire and a troop withdrawal. But, despite charges by each side of ceasefire violations, Nasseri said: "I don't think the war is going to explode."

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali-Akbar Velayati had hoped to attend a foreign ministers meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement in Nicosia this week, but Iranian officials said today he had decided against going.

"You may interpret it as you wish, but I'm always for the optimistic interpretation," one Iranian diplomat said.

The two sides have not met directly since Aug 26, one day after the conference began, and

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Iraq offers amnesty to Kurds

MANAMA, Bahrain, Sept 6. (UPI) Iraq issued a general amnesty for Kurdish rebels today, after the plight of thousands of Kurdish refugees fleeing alleged Iraqi chemical attacks drew expressions of international concern, officials and diplomats said.

The official Baghdad Radio said the ruling Revolutionary Command Council issued the amnesty for all ethnic Kurds involved in anti-government activities.

Gulf-based diplomats said the amnesty comes at a time when Iraq is fighting to gain world sympathy at Geneva peace talks with Iran, and shortly after officials from Western countries, including the United States, expressed concern to the Iraqi government over allegations it used chemical weapons to crush Kurdish insurgents.

Iraq categorically denied the allegations.

Refugees

The official Iraqi statement implied amnesties would be granted to an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Kurdish guerrilla fighters currently waging a bitter campaign for independence in the rugged hills of Iraq's northernmost province of Kurdistan.

A spokesman for the Kurdish Democratic Party said up to 100,000 Kurdish refugees have fled across the Iraqi border to neighbouring Turkey during the fighting, while nearly 2,000 were killed and 3,000 wounded in fighting since Aug 20.

The statement broadcast over Baghdad Radio excluded rebel leader Jalal Talabani from the amnesty, "for allying with the enemies of Iraq and betraying the country" — an apparent reference to Iranian aid for Kurdish separatists.

The council also pardoned immediately all Kurds jailed or detained in Iraqi prisons for their role in the rebellion against the country," said the radio.

Pardon

The council said all Kurds involved in anti-government activities, whether inside the country or abroad, could benefit from the pardon if they returned to Iraq within 30 days.

Kurdish guerrilla groups armed, financed and advised by Iran have been operating in Iraq's northernmost province of Kurdistan since the eruption of the Iran-Iraq war eight years ago.

There are also large Kurdish minorities in neighbouring Iran and Turkey, where Kurdish guerrilla groups owing allegiance to various parties and political creeds are waging what they describe as a war of independence.

Iraq has asked the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to provide aid for Kurdish refugees, a UNHCR official said yesterday in Geneva.

Blast rips Greek oil tanker in half, 7 die

ATHENS, Sept 6. (Agencies) An explosion today split a Greek-owned oil tanker into two, killing seven men, injuring 12 more and trapping about 20 others, shipping authorities said.

The ship was docked at a Piraeus shipyard.

A Piraeus port authority spokesman said rescue attempts were under way to rescue about 20 workers believed to be trapped inside the sunken tanker.

Piraeus port authority spokesman said the two halves of the 81,000-ton Angel of Greatness of the Angelikoussis Shipping Company sank in the harbour this morning.

Treated

The spokesman said two bodies had been recovered from the harbour of Piraeus, five miles (eight km) from Athens, and that at least 10 men are believed dead.

The spokesman said 12 workers were rescued and taken to hospitals where they were being treated for burns.

The tanker had arrived yesterday at the Perama shipyard in Piraeus for repairs, authority spokesman said.

Authorities said they did not know the cause of the blast but

Post-war power struggle in Iran

Khamenei turns down premier's resignation

MANAMA, Bahrain, Sept 6. (Agencies) Iranian President Ali Khamenei blocked today the resignation of Prime Minister Hossein Musavi, in a move diplomats described as the latest, hazy twist in an ongoing power struggle gnawing away at the heart of Iran's ruling clergy.

Musavi, a political ally of President Khamenei and known as a hard-liner opposed to concessions to Iraq in stalled Geneva peace talks, said he wanted to quit because up to eight of his cabinet ministers would likely be rejected by parliament, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said.

IRNA said Khamenei informed Musavi today he was rejecting the premier's resignation.

Control

Musavi, Prime Minister since Oct 1981 and a champion of greater state control over Iran's war-tattered economy, submitted his resignation to Khamenei yesterday. But he offered to remain caretaker premier until a successor was announced.

Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini rebuked Musavi today for offering to resign, saying he should stop quibbling and get on with his job.

"When the ... people sacrifice their sons for the sake of Islam it is not time for bickering and resigning," Tehran Radio quoted Khomeini as saying in a letter to Musavi.

The agency said today's session of the Majlis, which was scheduled to vote on the cabinet introduced by Musavi on July 21, was adjourned shortly after it opened because of Musavi's announced resignation.

Rafsanjani drew strong support in Parliament after engineering Iran's acceptance of a UN-sponsored truce with Iraq last month, and also received Khomeini's public blessing for halting the carnage while Iran was losing the war.

Recover

"There's no love lost between Rafsanjani on the one hand and political rivals like Musavi and Khamenei on the other," one diplomat said, adding Rafsanjani would allow concessions to Iraq while Iran remains weak to gain time for Tehran to recover.

"Rafsanjani's primary aim is to ensure the survival of the Islamic revolution above all else — even victory over arch-enemy Iraq," another Gulf-based diplomat said.

"As far as it is possible to tell, it appears Rafsanjani has failed to persuade his rivals of the wisdom of his policy — and therefore he is determined to oust them."

The diplomat said whether Musavi remains in power or not will be one test of Rafsanjani's control of the Iranian political scene.

"If Rafsanjani wins the latest round in Iran's internal power struggle, he's home and dry," the envoy said. "If Musavi stays, then Rafsanjani has yet been unable to consolidate fully his power base among the ruling Iranian clergy — even with Khomeini's support."

In offering his resignation, Musavi said the move would have no effect on the stalled Geneva talks because Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati would continue to serve with "the full support of the system."

More than 150 held in West Bank swoop

KALKILYA, West Bank, Sept 6. (Agencies) Israeli troops backed by helicopters swept through the West Bank town of Kalkilia today and rounded up more than 150 Arabs suspected of involvement in a nine-month Palestinian uprising.

Residents said a large Army force entered the town 20 km (12 miles) from Tel Aviv before dawn, announced a curfew through loudspeakers, and carried printed lists of suspects in house-to-house searches.

Security sources said 120 suspects were arrested by noon and taken manacled and blindfolded.

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WEATHER

FAIR summer weather. Temperature will be around normal with light to moderate southwesterly wind.

State of sea: slight

High water: 7.00 am

Low water: 4.00 pm

Sea level: 5.29 am

Wind: 6.03 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 44°C 11°F

Ahmadi: 41°C 106°F

Fulaika: 40°C 104°F

Maximum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 43°C 109°F

Ahmadi: 40°C 104°F

Fulaika: 39°C 102°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 26 percent

Ahmadi: 39 percent

Fulaika: 32 percent

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 28 percent

Ahmadi: 41 percent

Fulaika: 34 percent

Pakistan cancels Defence Day parades

ISLAMABAD, Sept 6. (AP) Pakistan observed Defence Day with honour guards and prayers today but there were none of the usual parades because of the death of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Special prayer services were conducted at military bases and mosques for Zia, US Ambassador Arnold Raphael and 28 others who died in a suspicious plane explosion and crash on Aug 17. Meanwhile, government offices, foreign embassies and businesses were closed.

Zia, who was chief of the Army, used to order up bristling displays of Pakistan's military might each Sept. 6.

Message

"We observe Defence of Pakistan Day in the shadow of the tragedy which the nation and the armed forces have recently undergone," said the new Army Chief, Gen. Aslam Beg, in a written message. "The vacuum created by the sudden departure of shaheed (martyr) General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and so many of our distinguished colleagues will be hard to fill."

Civilian politicians have praised Beg for the armed forces' restraint in the weeks following the crash.

Meanwhile, Zia's political heirs today launched their campaign for November's elections pledging to keep the opposition from power through the ballot box.

Zia's civilian supporters told a rally in Lahore that they would fight at the polls to defend his legacy.

Officials said about 102,000 people were now ill after drinking contaminated water or eating rotten food, 30,000 of them in the capital and its suburbs.

"Let us stick the spears of the ballot papers into the chests of our opponents," Fida Mohammad Khan, head of the Fida faction of the Pakistan Muslim League, told the audience of tens of thousands.

"We are fighting an uphill battle to contain the disease and save those already fallen sick," said Dr Kazi Anwarullah, a Dhaka hospital physician.

Medicine

"Hundreds of new patients are being registered every hour but we do not have enough medicine or saline to treat them," he said.

"The situation seems to be running

INTERNATIONAL

I acted
on orders:
Hammadi

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Sept 6. (Reuters): Confessed Lebanese hijacker Mohammed Ali Hammadi told a court today he acted on orders and was not involved in planning the seizure of a Trans World Airlines (TWA) airliner three years ago.

During cross-examination on his first day back in court after a month-long recess, Hammadi repeated earlier denials that he shot dead US Navy diver Robert Stethem, a passenger on the TWA plane hijacked to Beirut in June 1985.

Charge

Hammadi confessed in court on Aug 9 he took part in the seizure but said his senior accomplice, named on the charge sheet as Izz-Al-Dine, killed Stethem. Hammadi had earlier admitted smuggling explosives into West Germany.

"We were told clearly what was allowed and what was forbidden. No more," he told the court today in Frankfurt's Preungesheim prison where he has been held since his arrest in January 1987.

"I didn't threaten anyone with death," Hammadi added.

Hammadi said he and "the man responsible" (for Stethem's killing) had used two hand grenades and one pistol, brought on board the aircraft by his accomplice.

Cosmonauts marooned in space on faulty craft

MOSCOW, Sept 6. (Reuters): Afghanistan's first cosmonaut was marooned in space with a Soviet crewmate today after a fault on their spacecraft stopped them returning to earth.

A spokesman for the Soviet space agency Glavkosmos said the Soyuz TM-5 spacecraft carrying veteran cosmonaut Vladimir Lyakhov and Afghan pilot Abdul Ahamad Mohmand would attempt a landing tomorrow, a day late.

Choose

The spokesman, Sergei Zagorodny, denied reports that the Soyuz had veered off course and might have trouble landing. He said Glavkosmos had been in radio contact with the cosmonauts and had full confidence they would be able to land.

"The spacecraft is on course," Zagorodny told Reuters. "We spoke with the cosmonauts, and they're okay."

Bomb blast kills five in Colombo

COLOMBO, Sept 6. (Reuters): At least five people were killed and about 40 injured when a parcel bomb exploded in a restaurant in the Sri Lankan capital today, police said.

The blast came minutes after the Palace Hotel restaurant near Colombo's main railway station received a threatening letter sig-

ned by a Marxist rebel group, employees said.

Among the dead was the restaurant manager who was about to throw the parcel into the street when it exploded, they said.

They said the letter, signed by the People's Liberation Front, ordered the restaurant to close in protest at the death in police cus-

tom of lawyer Wijedasa Liyanachchi.

The Sri Lankan High Court is to hold an inquiry into the death of Liyanachchi, who was detained for nine days as a suspected front member.

Police declined to speculate who was responsible for the restaurant bombing.

Labour Day marked by protests against pollution

NEW YORK, Sept 6. (AP): A summer marred by fouled beaches, drought and sweltering heat came to its unofficial Labour Day finale with frustrated beachgoers demonstrating against pollution, and a dip in the air over much of the nation.

Millions of Americans attended parades, food fests and political rallies yesterday. And though labour seems to have little to do with Labour Day 106 years after the holiday's inauguration in honour of workers, some people were even on the job.

In southern California, a third day of sizzling heat over 100 degrees drove an estimated one million people to beaches.

"It's pretty much a towel-to-towel beach gridlock out there by the water," said Malibu lifeguard Bill Barker, estimating that more than 200,000 sunbathers hit the beach.

Temperature

But east of the upper Mississippi valley, afternoon temperatures remained below 70 degrees Fahrenheit (21 Celsius).

The city-owned wave pool in Nashville, Tennessee, drew only about 30 people as the temperature rose to the high 60s. The normal Labour Day crowd is 1,000.

A human chain of about 1,000 people stretched across two Long Island, New York, beaches, singing "America the beautiful" and calling for an end to ocean dumping. Medical waste and other debris has washed ashore this summer from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, ruining vacations for hundreds of thousands of people.

In Baltimore, Archbishop William Borders honoured workers with the blessing of the tools at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen. Rank-and-file members of unions placed the tools of their trades at the altar.

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INTERNATIONAL

Meeting first of its kind in Tunisia

Ben Ali holds talks with opposition

TUNIS, Sept. 6. (Reuters): President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali, fulfilling a pledge to give the opposition a role in Tunisian politics, began unprecedented consultations today with politicians ranging from communists to Islamic fundamentalists.

The meeting at Ben Ali's palace in Carthage is the first of its kind in Tunisia since independence from France in 1956.

Alm.

Habib Bourguiba, removed from power in November last year after more than three decades of unchallenged rule, tolerated opposition groups but did not consult them.

The aim of the Carthage meeting is to draft a "national pact" setting guidelines for the pluralist political and economic system Ben Ali says he wants to substitute for Bourguiba's centralised and highly personalised system.

Among the participants is

lawyer Noureddine Bhiri, representing Islamic Tendency Movement (MTI) leader Rashid Ghannouchi, whose trial and threatened execution for treason last year helped precipitate the fall of the former president.

This is a significant change of fortunes for the Islamic movement, which in Bourguiba's last years bore the brunt of a crackdown on all opposition groups.

Tact

Ghannouchi himself has not been invited, however, apparently because Ben Ali wanted only people without criminal records, and the MTI remains illegal under a new law banning political parties based on religion, race or language.

MTI members, however, said they saw the invitation as tacit recognition and speculation persists that Ben Ali is seeking a formula to let the fundamentalists operate more freely.

In a letter to his guests, Ben Ali

from Tunisia's three recognised opposition parties — the Democratic Socialist Movement (MDS), the Tunisian Communist Party and the Popular Unity Party — and two other parties which are seeking recognition — the leftist Progressive Socialist Grouping of lawyer Nejib Ech-Chabi and the Social Liberal Party of Mounir Beji.

Ben Ali and his aides will represent the ruling Constitutional Democratic Assembly, which in coalition with trade unionists and other national organisations holds all 125 seats in the National Assembly.

Among them, these seven groups cover every significant strand of political opinion in the country.

The President announced the national pact idea last April and has said he hopes it will be ready for publication on Nov. 7, the first anniversary of Bourguiba's removal.

In a letter to his guests, Ben Ali

said the pact should "define the contours of the society to which we aspire."

Bhiri said the MTI would like to see the pact emphasise Tunisia's Arab and Muslim identity, in contrast with the semi-European identity Bourguiba tried to impose.

Ben Ali has already taken symbolic steps in this direction, instructing the state-run radio and television to broadcast the Muslim call to prayer and reverting to the traditional method of fixing the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.

Communists

The left-of-centre Democratic Socialist Movement and the communists have said they will insist the pact emphasise the principles of pluralism and democracy.

An MDS statement added: "The pact should enshrine pluralism, and not erase it under cover of pluralism through unanimity."



Palestinian guerrillas taking part in a military show to mark the graduation of 450 fighters.

450 radical Palestinian guerrillas graduate

DAMASCUS, Sept. 6. (Reuters): A radical Palestinian group graduated 450 guerrilla fighters yesterday and pledged to battle on to restore rights of the Palestinians.

More than 1,500 people including Syrian and Palestinian leaders attended the graduation ceremony organised by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) at a military camp on the outskirts of Damascus.

The fighters watched young fighters in military uniform performing hand-to-hand fighting exercises. The guerrillas also took part in a military exercise using live ammunition, attacking both fixed and moving targets.

"The fighters executed their mission perfectly and scored accurate and direct hits on their targets," a PFLP-GC military spokesman said after the exercise.

He said the 450 recruits had completed a six-month military training course, split into sections for youths and for regular fighters. He did not disclose the numbers in each group.

PFLP-GC deputy leader Talal Naji told the crowd that his group would continue the military struggle to defeat "the Zionist-imperialist enemy."

"The continuation of fighting is the basis for regaining the national rights of the Palestinian people, liberating our land and achieving a just and comprehensive peace in the area," he said.

Turkey, Greece unable to tackle major disputes

ANKARA, Sept. 6. (AP): Turkish and Greek negotiators, holding their second meeting since May, have decided not to tackle major political disputes because their differences are too large, Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz said today.

Yilmaz is heading the Turkish part of a political committee set up after the premiers of Turkey and Greece agreed in January to hold talks on longstanding disputes between the two countries.

The reconciliation was dubbed the "Davos understanding," after the Swiss resort where Greece's Andreas Papandreou and Turkey's Turgut Ozal met.

The Davos summit was held after Greece and Turkey came to the brink of war in March 1987 over oil exploration rights in the Aegean Sea.

Yilmaz told reporters at a news conference today that he and his Greek counterpart Carlos Papoulias had decided to work on confidence building measures instead during the four-day meeting.

Aquino hopes Marcos will return to stolen fortune

MANILA, Sept. 6. (UPI): President Corazon Aquino today wished ousted ruler Ferdinand Marcos a happy birthday in advance and said she was praying God would give him the wisdom to return the fortune he stole during his 20-year rule.

In a brief news conference, Aquino also said while she was standing by her previous position that she would allow Marcos to return from exile in Hawaii if the courts ordered it, she would exhaust legal recourse to stop the issuance of such a directive.

"Definitely, I think the government should allow him to present its side on whether to let Marcos return or not," Aquino said.

Marcos, who fled to Honolulu following the February 1986 revolution, is facing charges he illegally amassed up to \$10 billion.

The former president will turn 71 on Sunday.

A big party is being prepared in the former president's northern hometown of Batac in Ilocos Norte province, where Marcos' "loyalists" plan to make a birthday cake the size of a basketball court.

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"That would be the best way he will be able to help our people."

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Polls indicate peace, national security and economics are uppermost in voters' minds. Both parties hope to find the winning margin in the large number

Peres opens election campaign with pledge to work for peace

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6. (UPI): Proclaiming Israel's Labour Party as the only political force able to make a peace breakthrough, centre-left politicians opened their election campaign by supporting a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and heavily populated Arab areas.

Labour politicians also played on their party's traditional platform on encouraging a pioneering spirit and keeping a strong workers' federation. More than 2,000 people attended yesterday's 2-1/2-hour rally.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Labour's leader, said the right-wing Likud Bloc did not want peace and had led the nation into the Lebanon war in 1982.

"The nation, when it goes to the polls, will have to choose between the Likud or a road that is going to a breakthrough, between an Israel dragging along or an Israel moving toward peace," Peres said at the rally that officially began the Labour election campaign.

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Carlucci tackles missile issue in Peking

BEIJING, Sept. 6. (Reuters): US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci told Chinese leaders today that Washington was concerned at China's sales of missiles to the Middle East, a senior US official said.

"We expressed our concern at the transfer of missile technology to Third World countries," the Defence Department official told reporters after Carlucci's talks with Defence Minister Qin Jiwei.

"This is a very sensitive area," he added.

Diplomats said Washington was strongly opposed to China's supply of anti-ship Silkworm missiles to Iran and its sale of powerful, medium-range mis-

siles to Saudi Arabia.

The US official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Washington recognised that China was a sovereign country and had the right to arm itself.

China does not disclose the value of its arms exports but Western diplomats estimated that they earned Peking about \$2 billion last year.

Carlucci also discussed his recent visit to the Soviet Union, the US official said.

Shortly before meeting Carlucci, Qin told reporters China's weapons sales had attracted too much attention and were worth far less than arms sold by the United States and the

Soviet Union.

Qin said today he believed the Silkworm issue could be solved "through consultation."

Carlucci arrived in Peking yesterday for a six-day visit.

KUWAIT ... GULF

1,500 fires reported in Kuwait each year

ABOUT 1,500 fires are reported in Kuwait every year, according to Brigadier Ahmad Al Abdul Razzak, director of the public fire administration.

He added that the fires are caused by negligence, inadequate safety precautions and the high temperatures in summer. Damage and loss of property is considerable, but the number of people killed or injured is relatively small, he said.

Al Abdul Razzak pointed out that the administration uses the latest fire-fighting equipment which has been designed with Kuwait's buildings and climate in mind.

He emphasised that citizens should help firemen perform their duties effectively and check their own fire extinguishers in houses and cars from time to time.

He also stressed the need for regular maintenance of shopping and office complexes as well as inspections to make sure that fire regulations are being followed.

Al Abdul Razzak further mentioned that the state insures firemen against injury in the course of their duty.

Need to help achieve peace stressed

DANISH Foreign Affairs Minister Uffe Ellermann-Jensen said in a statement published here yesterday that HH the Amir had impressed upon him the need for the world community to help Iraq and Iran achieve peace.

Speaking to Al Seyassah, Jensen expressed his admiration for the way Kuwait had confronted terrorism.

Denmark and Kuwait signed an agreement on Monday regarding the establishment of a joint framework to boost economic co-operation in rebuilding Iraq and Iran.

The Danish official supported the idea of holding an international peace conference to resolve the Palestinian question, adding that the uprising in the occupied lands has attracted international attention especially concerning Israeli violations of international law.

Jensen left here Monday for Qatar, continuing a tour of the region.

Maid sentenced for infanticide

A MAID who murdered her newborn baby boy to conceal evidence of an extra-marital relationship has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment and subsequent deportation by the Criminal Court.

The woman confessed to her employer that she had given birth to the child, but claimed that it had been born dead and then put the baby in a garbage bag. However, medical examination of the infant showed that it had been suffocated.

During interrogation, the maid said she had put a piece of cloth in the child's mouth to prevent its cries being heard by her employers.

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Iraqi official blasts Iran's stance in talks

BAGHDAD, Sept 6. (KUNA): Deputy Chairman of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, Ezat Ibrahim, today accused Iraq of refusing to agree to a just and honourable peace at the Geneva talks.

The Iraqi official said Tehran is only seeking a temporary truce.

He made the comments at the opening session of the 23rd Arab Information Ministers Conference taking place here.

He called on Arab information officials to stand by Iraq in the struggle for peace. "We are seeking your support in this battle," he said.

Ibrahim welcomed the participants and conveyed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's regards to those attending the conference.

Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad said the ministers will discuss the Arab satellite (Arabsat).

Exchange
In an exclusive interview with the Saudi magazine 'Ukaz' published in Riyadh today, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak said the Arab ministers will discuss exchanging



Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad

Arab television programmes between Arab countries through Arabsat.

He also commented on Israel's plans to launch its first satellite in the coming few days. There is no doubt Israel will use the satellite

to transmit programmes to Arab countries, and Arabs should be prepared for this, he said. The Arab information minister will give this issue due attention, he said.

Confront

The Kuwaiti minister also said that the Arab media have been trying for years to prominently confront anti-Arab media campaigns.

He added however, that due to the political situation in the region, the Arab response to such campaigns produced no effective results.

Discussing joint Arab media co-operation, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak said some conditions must be met to secure the success of such co-operation.

He listed these conditions as good intentions, serious implementation, provision of financial resources and dependence on specialists in the information field.

During the conference, information ministers are expected to discuss a joint Arab information strategy, a plan to back the Palestinian popular uprising and development of radio and television programmes.

Kuwait considering offer to buy arms from France

KUWAIT is considering an offer by France to supply advanced weapons to the country, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed said yesterday. "France has offered to provide Kuwait with all its needs for advanced weapons and equipment, and we are currently studying the proposal," he told a local daily.

French Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement arrived in Kuwait last Saturday, and was received by HH the Amir the following day.

During the past few weeks Kuwait has bought weapons and armoured vehicles from both Egypt and the Soviet Union, and last month signed a 1.9 billion dollar deal with Washington for the purchase of 40 F-18 fighter jets and 300 Maverick anti-ship missiles.

France offered to sell Kuwait a

number of Mirage 2000 fighters if Congress failed to approve the US deal.

Nawaf added that the French minister, who ended his official visit to Kuwait on Sunday, delivered an invitation from his President Francois Mitterrand to HH the Amir to visit Paris.

HH the Amir accepted the invitation, for a date to be fixed later.

Chevenement also renewed an invitation from French Prime Minister Michel Rocard to HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to visit Paris in the near future. HH the Crown Prince accepted the invitation.

Nawaf went on to comment on negotiations in Geneva between Iran and Iraq, affirming the need for direct negotiations between the two countries to put an end to the eight-year-old war, and established peace in the region.

Kuwait has and continues to support the Palestinian struggle toward the fulfilment of its aims, independent state on their land, Nawaf said, and added that Kuwait is ready to support every step in this regard.

USSR, Qatar exchange greetings

MOSCOW, Sept 6. (KUNA): The Soviet Praesidium exchanged congratulatory telegrams with Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, on the occasion of his country's national day, the 17th anniversary of Qatar's independence.

A telegram sent by the Praesidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet expresses the hope that the establishment of diplomatic relations last month will enhance confidence and mutual understanding between the two states and boost ties between their peoples, goals which the cable said are based on equality and mutual benefit.

In his reply telegram, the Amir of Qatar, extended thanks for the congratulations on behalf of the people and government of Qatar, and expressed a desire for further development of friendly relations and bonds of co-operation between the two countries.

The committee is expected to complete its work during the

KAC studying need for planes

THE Kuwait Airways Corp. (KAC) is evaluating its need for new planes in the coming decade, according to KAC chairman, Ahmad Al Mishari.

A special committee headed by the director-general of the corporation is reviewing the specific of its fleet for the 1990's.

Upon submission of the committee's requirements and recommendations, technical studies of the various planes available on the market will be undertaken as a final step before final purchases are implemented.

Replaced

KAC set up a similar committee at the end of 1970s to implement plans for the 1980s. This method proved successful in planning the corporation's first fleet, and the same procedures are to be followed for renewing its existing fleet.

The committee is expected to complete its work during the

Clarification

THE National Housing Authority's assistant director of design and planning clarified that it is the contractors of the houses who are responsible for meeting construction and safety standards for a 10-year period, and not the authority as reported in the Arab Times issue of Sept. 5.

AI Mishari second half of next year. A number of planes in KAC's existing fleet will be replaced by newer models for use in the coming decade, according to AI Mishari.

A book has been issued by KAC which describes the efforts made by the corporation towards developing improved administrative and financial systems.

Qaboos receives Sheikh Saeqer

MUSCAT, Sept 6. (KUNA): Sultan Qaboos Bin Saeed of Oman received Sheikh Saeqer Bin Mohammad Al Qasemi, ruler of the emirate Ra's Al Khaima, today, with his accompanying delegation, Radio Muscat reported.

The two leaders exchanged cordialities and discussed bilateral relations during their half-hour meeting.

Sheikh Saeqer, a member of the UAE Supreme Council, arrived here earlier today on an official three-day visit, stating that issues of mutual interest to the two countries would be discussed.

To try to advance the talks, the United Nations has turned to other states.

This morning Eliasson met ambassadors of certain UN Security Council member states, UN spokeswoman Therese Gustafsson said without elaborating.

THE organisers of the Benson & Hedges Management Challenge arrived yesterday to hold the second stage of the competition, the Country Finals in Kuwait.

To be held over one day, the Country Finals are to decide the Country Winners who will represent their region at the Grand Finals this November in Malaysia.

The Country Finalists were selected in the first stage from a large number of competitors.

Today's Country Finals will be held at the Kuwait Hilton International Hotel.

A local daily quoted the source

OBITUARY

Maxim Urban D'Souza
Born on 16-5-61
Expired on 2nd Sept. 1988.

Deeply mourned by:
father Bonaventure, mother
Benay, sisters Irene &
Rosine, brothers-in-law,
Mohan & Jerome; uncle
Lawrence, aunt Alice &
friends.

The mass will be on 7.9.88
at 4 pm Kuwait church.
May his soul rest in peace.

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EVENTS

VIDEO CORNER

Conmen in comic capers

By Gail Seery

IT'S 1963 in Baltimore. A guy buys himself a new Cadillac. He backs out of the showroom in the brand-new car, and promptly runs into another, somewhat older, Cadillac. Pretty soon both drivers are engaged in a mutually destructive determination to "get even."

Bill Bubaski and Tilley are the aluminium salesmen, or Tin Men, which is also the name of this film. They sell aluminium siding by a series of scams, which vary from the mildly dishonest to the totally deceitful. Bubaski is played by Richard Dreyfuss, and Danny De Vito plays Tilley.

Tilley was not exactly watching the road ahead, and Bubaski certainly didn't look first, but both are adamant that it is the other's fault, and the situation rapidly degenerates further.

"He backs in front of me," yells Tilley, "he rips my side view mirror off, and then he says I'm crazy."

"Look at this," Bubaski proclaims to the onlookers. "My car has a sixteenth of a mile on



Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito star as feuding salesmen in *Tin Men*.

it, and already it's been hit." He swears he will get even, and it is Tilley who speaks the prophetic words, "you picked the wrong guy to get even with pal." Too right.

At first the spite manifests itself by increasingly violent attacks on each other's parked cars. Then Bubaski hits a new idea. He will get even with Tilley by having an affair with his wife. This accomplished, Bubaski phones Tilley, who promptly retorts that he's glad,

because now he has the excuse to throw his wife out of the house. "I've been set up. I thought I was getting even, but all the time I was being set up," says Bubaski in a daze.

The situation degenerates even further when Bubaski realises that for the first time in his life he is in love -- with Norah Tilley. However, the course of true love does not run smooth in movies, and she is appalled to discover that her lover is the same man who smacked her husband's car, and that worse, he only took her to bed in an attempt to get even with Tilley. That's bad enough, but the thing that really upsets her is his trade. "He didn't tell me he was a tin man, he told me he sold baby pictures. Oh God, not another tin man!"

Bubaski persuades her to return to him, but she isn't too happy to learn that he has played a game of pool with Tilley in which staying with her, or leaving her, is the stake.

The sub plot concerns the various scams that the tin men are running, one of which sees Bubaski and sidekick Mo pretending that the house will be used as a "before" photo in a "before and after" sequence in Life magazine. They sell the aluminium siding when the householders get the idea that this is how they can get in the magazine as an "after" picture. Tilley's scam is to tell the householders that the \$40,000 job will be done free. Then he sends his partner in to say that Tilley just had a nervous breakdown, that his boss is certainly not going to pay for \$40,000 worth of

aluminium siding, and that therefore, Tilley will most certainly be sacked unless they agree to pay.

The various scams are beautifully worked through, but the shadow of the Home Improvement Commission looms -- they will take away the trading licence of any salesman caught using dishonest practices to sell his wares. Bubaski and Tilley are both determined not to be caught, but events conspire against them.

It is a very effective film, and most certainly one of De Vito's best. In his other films, like *Wise Guys*, he tends to overshadow all other characters, but in this one Dreyfuss matches him at his own game, bringing his own highly comic and manic intensity to a very funny story indeed. At times the action can only be described as hilarious, especially when Tilley thinks he has caught Bubaski breaking into his house, and decides to humiliate him. If you haven't already seen it you should do so immediately.

Martin Sheen is brilliant in *Judgement in Berlin*.

Robert Downey Jr stars in *Johnny Be Good*.

Sheen shines in courtroom drama

By Shaun Seekins

JUDGEMENT IN BERLIN is an exciting thriller starring Martin Sheen, Sam Wanamaker and Sean Penn. It is based on a true story described in Herbert Stern's book of the same name and set in Europe during 1976. A West German construction worker has fallen in love with a woman from East Germany and obtains a false passport for her and her daughter. Unfortunately whilst on his way to meet her in Poland he is picked up by the security police and arrested.

The woman and her daughter take a flight back to East Germany in the company of a friend who decides to hijack the plane to West Berlin. He succeeds in forcing the plane to land at the American Military Base at Tempelhof Airport but it is not stuck because the United States has just signed an anti-hijacking accord with the International Civil Aviation Organization.

As the Bonn government don't want to be involved, the Americans decide to bring in a hard-line no-nonsense bargaining judge (Martin Sheen) to try the case. Then commences an extraordinary court case with riveting performances by all the major characters. Martin

Sheen especially shines in an altogether different performance from his other recent release DA. In DA he plays an Irish-American who emigrated to New York many years before (DA is not short for District Attorney) but an Irish way of saying Daddy). As the film opens we get news of his father's death and there follows a sentimental journey backwards in time as Sheen remembers incidents from his childhood. Brilliantly acted by Sheen and Barnard Hughes who plays his father. Although some of the Irish brogue might be a little difficult for the rest of us to understand.

SUPERSTAR is quite simply Top Gun for television, so as that is not available here, watch the alternative.... if you can stand romanticised portraits of the American military.

P.I. PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS is the first full length feature from top British music-promo director Nigel Dick (*Do They Know It's Christmas?* and others) and the film has all the flash and dash of MTV. Young Los Angeles architect Joey Bradley (Clayton Rohner) finds himself unwittingly enmeshed in a potentially explosive news story being secretly unfolded by his editor-father Charles (Anthony Zerbe).

Like Hitchcock's *The Man*

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday thru Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jibraya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timmings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

EDUCATION

Darul Quran

Registration has begun for the first year Arabic language and Islamic teaching classes, which start on Sept 17, at the Darul Quran, Farwania. Free tuition. Medium of instruction is Urdu. Open to expatriates from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Contact the principal at Darul Quran, Farwania, personally, or phone 4730335 on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.

British Council

The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriya, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain" on Monday, Sept 12, and Tuesday, Sept 13, 6pm. For further details phone Mrs. Kate Harris on 251-5512/253-3204.

MUSIC

Guitar Recital

German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct 19. "Hymns of Eternity", one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

WELCOME BACK/Welcome to Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwaii" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Rank and the Juke Box band. Twister competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

Indian Ballet

Narathana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet, Panchavati, and a number of Nrithasilpas at its annual show, Nrihoisav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

East meets West

The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at IAC, Funaites, at 6.30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

Beat Show

The Kuwait Goan Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Funaites. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Goans.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Players poolside BBQ

The Kuwait Players poolside barbecue will be held on Sept 21 (Wednesday) from 8 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets — KD2. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tel: 3941572 for details.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food for dinner on Thursdays and at lunch on Fridays.

CINEMA

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WELCOME BACK/Welcome to Kuwait

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner. At the Hilton

La Patisserie

La Patisserie is promoting Kiwi fruit. On offer are Kiwi meringue pies, cheesecakes, juices, milkshakes and sundaes. Also enjoy freshly baked cakes, pastries and a variety of cold drinks and icecream creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. The promotion ends on Sept 16. At the Kuwait Plaza

Goan Fiesta 88

The Goan Fiesta 88 will be held on Thursday, Oct 13, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. It will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Habiba Ballroom. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details telephone: 4813740.

D'Assisi Association

The D'Assisi Association will hold the 8th annual Thanksgiving mass on Oct 7, 8 am, at the Holy Family Cathedral. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin — 5746754 after 6 pm or Henry — 329-1909 (am).

HOTELS

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed for lunch on Fridays.

Al Hambra

Al Hambra features Lebanese cuisine on Sunday night. The Marcus Band provides live entertainment.

Le Tarboche

Le Tarboche offers special lunch and dinner buffet featuring a selection of Arab cuisine.

The Coffee Shop

Experience Italian hospitality in the Riccardo restaurant with live entertainment by the Sienna Duo. The Riccardo is closed for lunch on Fridays.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes are offered daily at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

Local Hero

The feature film Local Hero will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya, on

Saturday (Sept 10) and Sunday (Sept 11) at 6.30 pm. Starring: Burl Lancaster, Peter Reigert and Dennis Lawson. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512.

Cine Club

Kuwait Cine Club will hold a weekly gathering — diwaniya — every Wednesday, beginning this week (Sept 7) at 7 pm at its premises, 8 Sheriff Al Radi St. Bneid Al Qar. The diwaniya is open to members, their invitees and newcomers who wish to acquaint themselves with the club's activities. Discussions at the first diwaniya will centre on weekly screenings on Wednesday nights and other topics.

SPORTS

Sport Aid '88 calling all runners/walkers to join the worldwide synchronised event to be held in Kuwait on Sunday, Sept 11. Start: Messilah Beach Hotel. 7 pm. Run or walk a minimum of one km or a maximum of 10 km. For details contact 5624111 ext. 751.

Memorial Cricket

The first Gen. Zia-ul-Haq Shaheed Memorial Cricket tournament, organised by Haji Liaquat, will start soon. The draw will be held on Sept 9, 8 pm, at Lalazar Restaurant. For details contact Altaf Khan — 329-2107 ext. 3718 (am to 1 pm) or Naveed Ahmed. Tel: 392-6007.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

Sailing — KOSA Open Day

K.O.S.A. — the Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association — will hold an Open Day at Shaab Yacht Club on Friday, Sept 9, from 1400 hours. Anyone interested in offshore sailing are invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon of sailing followed by a BBQ. For details contact John Waters or Frank Graham on tel: 5326145 or 2466848.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Tales from Around the World: "Ivan Al Ahmaq," Cartoons
- 10.15 8 Harat: Al Bahar, episode 9, daily serial
- 11.15 Al Raheef: local series, ep. 6, featuring Suad Abdullah, Ghaneem Al Saleh, Maryam Al Saleh, Khalid Al Nasifi, Ali Burakki
- 12.15 Documentary
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 2.00 Songs and Music
- 2.35 Aurora Daliya: Arabic series
- 3.35 Heidi cartoon serial
- 4.15 English feature film, starring Joseph Keaton
- 6.00 Bunduq wa Bungduq: Arabic serial for children
- 7.05 Weekly Seminar on Traffic Problems
- 8.00 Open University
- 8.30 Wa Qulat Al Arab: daily series
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Al Sakiah Tadawar: daily serial
- 10.50 Hikayat Min Al Badiyah: "Al Nauf," Starring: Miyad Awad, Hassan Ibra



Sledge Hammer plays War Games, tonight 10 pm on KTV 2.

children
7.00 Managing the Micro
7.30 Growing Pains:
"Great Expectation": Mike wants to meet his girl friend in Los Angeles despite his parent's opposition.
8.00 News in English
8.30 O'Hara: "Last Year's Model": A leading fashion designer, accused of murder, is sentenced to death. O'Hara believes the man is innocent.
9.30 Wildlife on One: a look at insects and birds that threaten farms.
10.00 Sledge Hammer: "War Games": A company manager is killed while playing a war game in a forest. Sledge is assigned the case.
10.30 LA Law: the law firm buzzes with activity as the lawyers take on more cases.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualité/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Wildlife on One, at 9.30 pm on KTV 2.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- Morning
0800 Opening

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE main difference between men and women is that men are lunatics and women are idiots — *Rebecca West, English writer (1892-1983)*

South Korean press struggles

SEOUL. (Reuters): South Korean journalists working for state-controlled media are demanding editorial freedom after years of crushing political pressure.

The democratic reforms sweeping every sector of South Korean society have seen labour disputes erupt in every media group. Most privately owned newspapers have already settled with their staff.

Now newspapers and television stations that are wholly or partially owned by the government have taken centre-stage.

Where the primary issue at private newspapers was higher pay, the overriding concern of state-run media which have lived for years under government pressure is editorial freedom.

A front-page advertisement taken out by unions at the Korea Broadcasting System (KBS) and Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) said: "The 5,000 union members of KBS and MBC think it is shameful that we have become a part of the system... by broadcasting biased and distorted reporting."

Interest

The government owns only KBS outright, but KBS has a controlling interest in MBC. South Korea's only other television station. There is a state holding, direct or indirect, in the Seoul Shinmin newspaper, the Pusan Daily and the English-language Korea Herald.

Outside Seoul, the government has leverage on the owners of all provincial newspapers.

Unions at these media are making headway on negotiating for independent editorial rights and equitable pay scales. The Pusan Daily and MBC recently resorted to unprecedented strikes.

Most controversial of current reporters' demands is that they be allowed to select their own editor-in-chief.

Management says there is no precedent for this, even in Western democracies. "But the situation for the government-owned press here is quite different," said Choe Sung-Jin, economic reporter at the Korea Herald and secretary of its trade union.

Life is not easy for NATO secretary general

By Timothy Appel

THE secretary general of Nato is supposed to be suspicious of the Soviets.

And Manfred Wörner is.

The former West German defence minister, who took up the top Nato post last month from Britain's Lord Carrington, says the Soviets have yet to match friendly words with the sort of deeds which would make him rest easier. Indeed, he sees the current thaw in East-West relations creating challenges as well as opportunities for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"I think you can only afford to compromise to improve East-West relations if you stand on solid ground," Wörner says. And that means keeping a coherent, credible defence posture. But that may be easier said than done.

Wörner, the first West German to ever serve as secretary general, comes to Brussels at a time of unprecedented stirring inside the Western alliance. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's charm offensive has found a receptive audience in Western Europe. As a result, it's becoming more difficult to convince Europeans that strong defence is necessary — especially when this means stationing nuclear weapons on their soil.

In Wörner's own country, for instance, more than half those polled now say they don't want to use nuclear weapons as a deterrent against the East bloc. **Stamp**

The selection of a West German to fill the post of Nato secretary general is significant. It's known that Chancellor Helmut Kohl pushed hard for the choice. Rejection of Wörner would have been seen as a major slap against Bonn. Having a West German in the top position is partly designed to underscore that nation's commitment to the Western alliance.

Wörner is a conservative, known for his strong support for Nato. He has a reputation for thoroughness — carefully poring

"Political power to influence the media dates back to the 1950s and reached its peak under Chun Doo Hwan. Our editors were hired during this period. In some sense they are also the victims of an authoritarian system."

As part of moves to purge the press of political appointees, some managers and editors at KBS thought to have connections to Chun have resigned or were fired during the network's recent troubles.

But reporters in state-owned media do not seem to want the government to sell its stock, just to let them do their job.

"We want independence from direct government pressure and independence from the capital providers," said Kwon Young-Kil, a union member and reporter on the foreign desk of Seoul Shinmin.

"We don't want a change in ownership right now. Even under these conditions we can make our own decisions."

Controls

Newly-elected President Roh Tae-Woo has removed many press controls. The Agency for National Security Planning, formerly Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA), no longer makes daily calls on editors and the Information Ministry has stopped sending them its twice-daily press "guidelines."

Now many reporters who admit they censored themselves out of fear or just habit feel they must act decisively to end their complicity with the political system.

Blame

"We were so close to our sources, including the government, that there were many embargoes, and deep background briefings we couldn't report... a lot of people got sucked into the political machine," said one reporter. Many of his former colleagues are now working for the government.

"I think reporters like us cannot be free from blame. We are accustomed to writing stories that suit the government," said another.

Americans fear good times may not last much longer

By Simon Alterman

over background material before making decisions, and seldom speaking hastily.

Settling back in his chair, Wörner admits he has his work cut out for him. Besides trying to keep Western defences strong, he plans to focus on maintaining alliance unity and taking advantage of opportunities created by the changes in the East.

One place to do this, he says, is in negotiations over reductions in conventional weapons — the tanks and troops that keep Europe on a hair-trigger.

There's a good chance that East and West will hunker down this fall to the difficult task of slashing these forces. Wörner says he'd welcome any Soviet actions that help clear the way for the talks, which would be held in Vienna under the framework of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Meanwhile, Wörner is eager to start a public relations offensive of his own — to change the perception that the West merely reacts to Soviet initiatives.

This view peaked earlier this summer, when the Warsaw Pact plastered Nato with initiatives. One Warsaw Pact proposal, for instance, was to hold a "pan-European" summit to discuss arms control issues. Western leaders balked at the idea, since it wasn't clear at first that North Americans would be welcome in such a forum.

"I personally welcome these Warsaw Pact proposals," says Wörner, "which at least recognize the urgent need to deal with the reduction of the concentration of armed forces in Europe."

Still, the new secretary-general's biggest challenges are likely to be found closer to home.

One of the most explosive issues now facing the alliance is the modernization of short-range nuclear weapons. Military planners say the weapons have to be updated soon. But the programme will likely stir strong opposition among Europeans, particularly in West Germany, where the weapons would be stationed.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Eight years ago Ronald Reagan turned to the camera during his televised election debate with President Jimmy Carter and asked Americans: "Are you better off than you were four years ago?"

Battered by inflation, haunted by energy shortages and humiliated by Iranian revolutionaries holding US diplomats hostage, the voters answered "no" and the Carter presidency was over.

Today, with the economy booming, inflation and unemployment tamed and peace breaking out around the world, logic suggests that Vice-President George Bush would coast to the White House by asking the same question.

Yet the polls and the pundits predict the closest of elections in November between Bush and Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis, an opponent whose low-key campaigning style has seemed designed to whip up enthusiasm in the electorate.

Prosperity

One reason is that boasting of prosperity does not impress those who have not enjoyed the fruits of the Reagan boom.

But more important are the many who have prospered but who fear that the good times may not last much longer, that their future is insecure and that their country, for so long number one in the world, is inexorably losing ground to its rivals.

Travelling around the United States, such anxieties are palpable and are often blamed on a perceived threat from abroad — jobs lost to foreign competition, foreigners buying up US businesses, drugs pouring in from Latin America.

America's huge trade deficit with the rest of the world is seen as the work of unscrupulous allies relying on US tax payers to

Reconstruction of Iran and Iraq

By John K. Cooley

LONDON: Real peace between Iran and Iraq will require a vast reconstruction effort — both physical and social — in the two Gulf nations.

Providing the material resources for this healing process will be a challenge to world Muslim leaders as well as to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and the new President of the United States. The economic powers in the Far East will also be key to its success.

All concerned — the superpowers, Muslim nations, and industrial countries of East and West — face one of history's great opportunities. To make peace work, they could divert resources normally expended on the arms race to help an estimated 63 million people (16 million Iraqis and 47 million Iranians) rebuild war-shattered economies and lives.

What has to be done?

First, physical damage has to be repaired. Wasted by missiles, bombs, and shells, tens of towns and cities in Iran and Iraq — and the people who live in them — need urgent care and attention.

Armed forces, with their artillery and armour, have tramped and bulldozed their way across millions of acres of land once used to grow food. Chemical weapons used extensively, may have polluted water and soil. Roads and bridges have been bombed or shelled out of existence.

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A research study from Japan's Institute of Middle Eastern Economies in Tokyo last January added up damage of another kind.

The study found that between 1981 and 1985 alone, damage to oil installations and export facilities produced oil revenue losses of \$23 billion in Iran and \$6.5 billion in Iraq.

Wartime

Wartime military expenses totalled \$24.3 billion for Iran and \$33 billion for Iraq. Incalculable further losses flowed from livelihoods destroyed and labour forces decimated.

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Prices

Prices on the stock market in Seoul soared upward in anticipation of new South Korean construction contracts as soon as Iran announced on July 18 that it had accepted the principle of a UN-supervised ceasefire.

Korean construction firms

Japan's steel, electronic, and petrochemical combines; and many thousands of Filipino, Korean, Taiwanese, and other Far Eastern workers, many of them skilled, are already gathering major rewards in the Gulf area. Peace and reconstruction should multiply their opportunities.

Other countries with major interests on both sides

such as Italy, are likely to follow. One great difficulty for both Baghdad and Tehran, as well as for UN agencies, may lie in sorting out competing projects and investors.

Clearing

After the Arab-Israeli conflicts of 1956, 1967, and 1973, clearing Egypt's Suez Canal of mines, sunken ships, and other hazards for world maritime traffic was a major challenge. But international efforts, with the US again out in front, met it.

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So much Iraq's Basra area and its Northern towns, which were busy market centres before the war.

This process of physical reconstruction will depend much on an equal or greater parallel process of political and human reconciliation.

The eight-year war's political disputes — such as the location of the Shatt Al Arab boundary and the debate over who owns this or that pocket of desert or northern mountain — can be thrashed out at a peace table, as they have been over thousands of years.

What remains to challenge men and women of vision in both countries is how to begin this human reconciliation.

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Professor Rubik: compares his puzzles to the problems of everyday life

By Marina Shamoon

PROFESSOR Erno Rubik, the Hungarian puzzle wizard, has unleashed his latest brain-teaser — Rubik's clock.

It is as fiendish and compulsive as his famous Rubik Cube and no doubt will be just as popular.

According to Professor Rubik, you don't have to be a super brain to solve the clock. "This is a puzzle that ordinary people can solve if they really concentrate," he says.

"These days everybody is so concerned with exercising their bodies, but they forget the most important exercise of all — stretching the mind. And that is what my puzzles do."

Rubik's clock is a two-sided puzzle with nine clock faces on each surface. There are four wheels and four buttons which work different clocks. The aim is to set all clock hands on 12.

Professor Rubik chose Britain to launch his clock. And two schoolboys who solved the puzzle quickly received a lot of

publicity. "I was pleased when I heard they solved it," says the professor. "And I'm sure many kids will follow suit. Youngsters are very productive, innovative and creative. When I was a teenager I was cleverer than I am now."

Alexander Scrivenor, 15, a pupil at Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire, solved the clock puzzle in just an hour and a half.

He says: "My stepfather brought the clock home and he tried to figure it out. Eventually he handed it over to me. I started fiddling with it and I managed to solve it.

"There are basically four moves and once you've coordinated those, you've mastered the clock. This is easier to solve than the cube because you only have two sides of the puzzle rather than six. I couldn't do the cube — I had to take it to pieces and reassemble it again."

"I don't think you have to have a mathematical mind to master the clock. I'm in the

After the cube, it's time now for Rubik's clock

Hungarian professor Erno Rubik baffled the world with his tantalising Rubik cube, which he invented as an algebraic aid to his students. More than 100 million were sold plus an estimated 50 million fakes. Now he's back with another brain-bender, the Rubik clock. It is as fiendish and compulsive as his famous cube and will, no doubt, be just as popular.

second to bottom set in maths at school. It takes a different kind of mind.

"I'm not a puzzle addict. I just do the odd chess problem."

Professor Rubik is a perfectionist and compares his puzzle to the problems of daily life. "Problems are central to life," he says, "from finding enough to eat onwards."

"To control and resolve problems you must first understand them. That is the point of the perfect puzzle."

Professor Rubik is visiting Britain with his wife Agnes and their daughters Sonja, 12, and Anna, 10.

Success

After the success of his famous cube, travelling all over the world has been part of Professor Rubik's life. He says: "I hate the process of travelling. But once I arrive at a place, I'm alright."

"But I miss my home, speaking the language, the neighbourhood and the food. Even when I go to a Hungarian restaurant abroad the food

doesn't taste the same as it does back home."

"But I enjoy seeing different cities, meeting people and learning about their culture."

The diminutive professor hit the international scene eight years ago with the launch of Rubik's Cube. Two million were sold in Hungary alone where the total population is just 10 million. The Cube confused, amused and confounded people all over the world and made Professor Rubik a millionaire — a far cry from his modest upbringing.

He was born in a bath during an air raid in 1944. As a child he describes himself as being "out of place among my classmates." He preferred solo activities like canoeing on the Danube and grappling with chess problems.

He went to the Academy of Applied Arts and Design in Budapest, eventually became a teacher there earning £150 per month, and seemed destined to go no further.

Then he invented Rubik's



Erno Rubik with his cube; in his native Hungary he is treated like a film star

Cube as an algebraic aid to his students. It soon became a craze.

An exiled Hungarian called Tibor Laczi recognised the Cube's commercial potential. In 1980, through Laczi, the toy was brought to the West by a British man called Tom Kremer.

At first the cube received a cool reception. Then someone in America's Ideal Toy Corporation placed a rather large order — for one million! It became a sensation. More than 100 million were sold plus 50 million fakes which earned a fortune for the counterfeit merchants. And 10 million books were sold explaining the secret of solving the puzzle.

Professor Rubik had hit the jackpot. He was a millionaire, a self-made one at that, and living in a Communist country.

At the peak of Cube mania, Rubik was earning \$30,000 a month in royalties. And that's in a country where petrol is half the price it is in Britain, travelling on the underground costs

two pence, three pence on the bus, and a half hour taxi trip costs £2.

In Hungary, Rubik was treated with the reverence the West reserves for film stars. Now he drives a Mercedes and lives in a large house — very different from his previous way of life.

"It was a strange feeling having money suddenly," he says. "If you are born into wealth you don't have any thoughts about money, but I had to adjust. Now it's no problem."

His home nestles in the Beverly Hills of Budapest. Professor Rubik is particularly proud of his swimming pool where the walls have a splash of the Rubik Cube's colours.

He has now set up a private industrial design company employing 20 people, nurturing beginners and developing designs for all sorts of products including furniture.

What's more — but you'll have to wait for it — he's also working on another brain-bending puzzle.

Renminbi millionaire

By Tim Luard

"LEARN from Comrade Lei Feng," Chairman Mao proclaimed 30 years ago, thus elevating a simple, self-sacrificing soldier to a national hero. But times change, and heroes too. Today China gives its blessing to men like Liu Xiang, a 28-year-old former carpenter who became a millionaire (at least in Chinese terms) through selling motorcycle crash helmets.

In a land where the average wage is less than £100 a year, Liu says his assets are worth £150,000, or, in people's currency, one million renminbi.

His success has made him an All China Model Worker, as well as a prime candidate for the attentions of the sort of girls who once regarded simple soldiers as ideal marriage partners.

He is one of a growing number of Chinese whose position on the top rung of society derives from economic rather than political power.

In the imperial days, merchants came somewhere below peasants in terms of respectability. The path to social advancement began with examinations in the classics, leading to a career as a local magistrate or a mandarin at the Emperor's court. With the coming of the communists, the business community all but disappeared as the Confucian texts were replaced by those of Marx and Mao.

Scorn

But under the post-Mao regime, to study anything other than an account sheet is to invite scorn and penury. Teachers earning £10 a month complain that the country has become "morally bankrupt". Self-employed taxi-drivers, who rarely bother to stop for anyone wearing something as humble as a Mao-suit, zero in on the leather jackets and Western suits of the new elite.

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Unlike the handful of pre-1949 capitalists who have regained some of their lost fortunes since Deng Xiaoping came to power, Liu is a thoroughbred product of socialism. He refuses to accept that his brand of capitalism is the same as the corrupt Western kind he learned about in school. But when asked what the differences are, he says he is unable to explain.

"We are not capitalists, because we are building socialism," is the response of Guan Guangmei, a 37-year-old woman who rescued a grocery chain from bankruptcy and now earns 20 times as much as her staff. A public debate over the rights and wrongs of her case ended with her being elected as a delegate to the Communist party congress.

Liu says he has no interest in becoming a politician, even though he appreciates that in China business still comes second to politics. "No matter how much money you make, you cannot challenge their power," he says.

He is not afraid, like many whose property was confiscated during the Cultural Revolution, that policies will change and being rich will suddenly become a crime again. A more immediate concern is how to escape the official adulation for long enough to go on making money.

For Liu Xiang is well aware that, if profit starts turning to loss, he will go the way of Comrade Lei Feng and other one-time heroes, later judged to be not worth emulating after all.

Liu Xiang: earns more than any of the country's leaders

Taylor to make a screen comeback

By Jill Serjeant

ROME — Elizabeth Taylor is about to appear on the big screen after a seven-year absence in a role that seems perfectly tailored for her — a capricious, temperamental world celebrity preparing to make her stage comeback.

But, at the age of 56 and a grandmother six times over, Taylor says she's through with Hollywood and has found a new cause — campaigning for AIDS research.

She acknowledges that she has only a cameo role in Italian director Franco Zeffirelli's film *The Young Toscanini*, due to open out of competition at the Venice Film Festival in September.

Dislikes

But despite claiming she dislikes fame she managed to relegate all around her to the role of a walk-on part during a news conference in Rome last week to present the 16-million-dollar joint Italian-French production.

Zeffirelli, who directed Taylor and the late Richard Burton in *The Taming of the Shrew* in 1966, described her as a 'diva' — the Italian accolade literally meaning 'goddess' reserved for celebrities like the late Maria Callas.

"There are no longer any women like her in the world. She is one of the few stars who can really be called a diva," the flamboyant Zeffirelli, 65, enthused.

Wearing a long, flowing lemon-coloured robe and dripping chunky diamonds from ears and fingers, Taylor paraded an array of questions ranging from the frivolous to the personal with confident good humour.

Another husband? — "Never say never" the seven-times married Taylor quipped.

Most satisfying performance? — "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

Lost opportunity? — "The role of Anna Karenina, but I think I'm too old now."

"I agreed to do this film because Franco (Zeffirelli) asked me to. I adore him and if he asked me to take a trip to the moon I would do it," she said.

But she made clear that in future she intended to devote

her time to campaigning for AIDS Research and helping victims of the AIDS disease.

After fighting her own battle against addiction to alcohol and prescription drugs, by entering the Betty Ford Clinic in 1983, Taylor founded the American Foundation for AIDS Research in September 1985.

"I don't really like being famous, but I thought that if using my name could do some good and could be of some benefit, if I could make my voice heard above the babble of hatred and fear, then it is worth it."

Epidemic

"Unless all of us try to stop the AIDS epidemic there isn't going to be a world for us to enjoy in a few years' time."

"I'm out of Hollywood now... if a script comes along that I really like then I will do it, but now my life is for AIDS. It's the most important thing I am involved in, I give more of my life and time to it than anything else," she said.

Taylor said the foundation had raised 12 million dollars to help reward researchers and educate the public about the disease.

Taylor said Zeffirelli had 'seduced' her back to the cinema to play the part of Russian soprano Nadina Buliscio, the 'diva' whom 18-year-old Arturo Toscanini coached for her comeback to the stage in Rio de Janeiro in 1886.

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Owned

Not long ago it opened its own manufacturing arm in a converted 17th century barn on land owned by Prince Charles, Linley's cousin and Britain's next king. Charles performed the opening ceremony.

"I love running my own business," Linley told one interviewer. "There's so much fun in it."

"The thing I enjoy most is the independence. I'm not answerable to anybody but myself at the end of the day."

But Linley's hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind furniture, some of it so good it is commissioned by museums, is only part of his activity.

In a splashy new London apartment complex where actor Michael Caine has a tower apartment, a medium-priced restaurant called Deals opened recently, decorated in satin-smooth wood by Linley and owned by him and photographer Lord Patrick Litchfield, Queen Elizabeth's cousin.

Linley and his furniture-business partner, designer Matthew Rice have just introduced a range of china, glass, cutlery, linen and other houseware.

American Thomas Howell plays the youthful Toscanini.

The royal who works for a living

By Gregory Jensen

LONDON, (UPI) — One way or another, the British public has been seeing a lot lately of a slim, unassuming young man named David Linley, which might not seem surprising since he's 11th in line for the throne.

What is surprising, however, is that David Albert Charles Armstrong-Jones, Viscount Linley, isn't seen doing things other 'royals' do.

He doesn't attend galas, open factories, lay cornerstones, lend his name to charities.

Instead he's exhibiting at design shows, winning a best-piano-design award, at his own new restaurant, introducing his new line of chinaware for the table.

The fact is, David Linley, 26, the son of Princess Margaret, the Queen's sister, and photographer Lord Snowdon, is the first and only direct member of Britain's royal family to earn his living with his hand.

And even without his title or royal connections, he's become a craftsman and businessman to watch.

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All this adds up to considerable achievement by a quiet-spoken, long-faced man with wavy brown hair who won't be 27 until Nov. 3. He is quick to admit that royalty has been anything but a handicap.

"Certainly it opens doors" he said recently. "But those same doors shut in your face if you don't deliver the goods."

Linley began learning to



Linley (left) admires a model parrot made by one of his craftsmen

salesman than a craftsman. When he and Rice formed David Linley Furniture in 1985 — without financial help from Margaret or Snowdon — their first splashy product was folding screens in intricate marquetry. One based on Venice's buildings took 2,000 pieces of 18 different woods.

Then came striking sets of desk top accessories decorated with miniature Venice palazzos or English barns and farm-houses.

In furniture, "everything we do is done to commission," Linley says. He made 50-foot (15m) boardroom table for New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. One piece is in London's Victoria and Albert museum, which is now talking of a Linley exhibition. His customers are in the United States, Japan, Australia, Canada and several European countries.

Linley and Rice screens can cost \$20,000 or more, and all furniture carries one-of-a-kind prices. The new bone china is their first attempt at designing for a mass market, selling for between \$9.50 and \$170 per piece.

Linley has no hesitation in seeking publicity for his company or the things he makes. But in every other respect he is almost self-effacing, a modest and far from headline-hungry young man.

It was an exception the other day when a weekly newspaper persuaded him to photograph trees, of all things, and filled seven pages and its cover with the result.

"Being royal is no big deal here in London," Linley wrote in an article about his typical day. "I don't think we've ever had anyone come in just to ask for an autograph or anything silly like that." Not that he has been out of the limelight. In this country no royal family member stays unnoticed for long.

Royalty-hungry tabloids have focused on his love life — tangled, by all accounts, after a recent break with his girlfriend of five years, Susannah Constantine. His brushes with the law made headlines — with repeated arrests for speeding and a suspended driving license. Linley is the first 'royal' with a technical criminal record.

By Kathy Cuddihy

IT'S that time of year when everyone straggles back from a long summer holiday, swelling the population once again. People with school-age children are always the most punctual in their return. I'm not quite sure whether they feel a sense of obligation to register the kids in school on time, or whether it's a sense of desperation to get the little darlings out of their hair.

Returning to a routine, for most of us, means starting the day at an unearthly hour of the morning. To me, it has always seemed just a little unnatural to rise before the sun does, but unfortunately this reservation doesn't make a scrap of difference to our own particular routine.

Getting myself up early is often difficult enough, but waking the children up in time to catch their school bus makes getting blood from a rock look easy.

These children are the same little people who insist that they're not babies anymore so, they argue, why should they have to go to bed at baby hours? These are also the same little people who, as I'm yelling at them to hurry up or they'll miss the bus, yell back at me that their tardiness is all my fault.

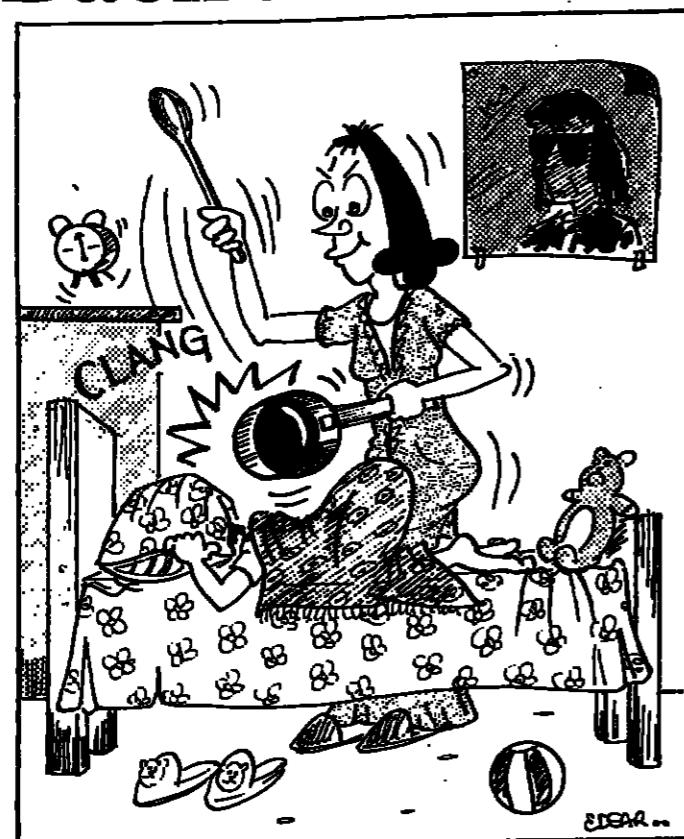
"Why can't you make sure we wake up early? You know we like to get to the bus before the other kids."

"But I wake you up in plenty of time," I sputter defensively. "You insist on going back to sleep."

"Right, Mom. So if you're aware of the situation, why don't you start working on us half an hour earlier?"

There could well be some logic to their suggestion,

Back to routine



but I don't feel especially inclined to deprive myself of the extra sleep to see if the plan would work.

Mothers also have a few other routines to which they must quickly adjust at this time of the year. Worse, infinitely worse, than getting everyone moving in the morning, is the ordeal of preparing lunch boxes. It's not that I can't think of nourishing delights that my darlings are prepared to eat! Oh, the lunchboxes come home empty at the end of the day, but tell-tale junk food wrappers reveal that they have had wonderful successes trading raw carrots for popcorn, chicken legs for chewing gum, and chocolate milk for chocolate bars.

Someone in the school is eating and enjoying my nutritious preparations, but too seldom is it my own children. Obviously when I hit on an acceptable wholesome food, I stock up. Inevitably, when I stock up, the kids go off the product and I'm left to devour quantities of quickly spoiling fruit, or other foods with a limited lifespan. More than once I've come close to admitting that barter might not be such a bad idea.

The traumas of settling into the going-back-to-school routine don't end when the precious dears go out the door, because chances are you'll be going out the door with me if it's your turn to be the school bus monitor. This assignment would exceed the lunchbox chore in jobs-

I-hate status, except that I only have to do it for two weeks out of the school year. Still, it's two weeks too many. Sitting on an unairconditioned bus, trying to keep a mob of unruly characters from crossing that fine line between youthful playfulness and juvenile delinquency, is not my heart's desire. If I want to feel harassed, intimidated, and/or ignored, I can sit in the comfort of my home and ask my children to clean their rooms.

Last, but definitely not least, is the agony of helping with homework. I could barely cope with last year's math problems and science projects. What on earth am I going to do this year now that the children are a year older? I know I'm not ready for algebra because I wasn't ready 26 years ago. Unfortunately, there's nothing to indicate that my skills might have improved since then.

Of course, I'm experienced enough to know that there will be other little surprises during the school year. You know, the usual catastrophes like, "Mom, I forgot to tell you: I need you to make me a costume for the school play. The dress rehearsal is tomorrow." Or, "Mom, we're having a class party tomorrow. I said you would provide all the refreshments." But these sorts of things rarely happen in September, probably because the school officials want to break the parents in gently ... or relatively gently.

I wonder if I sent the principal a note saying that the kids are fine but the mother is fading fast, would he give me a few days' reprieve from early mornings, lunch boxes, bus monitoring, and homework?

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Oil prices remain firm in quiet and cautious markets

PARIS, Sept. 6. (KUNA): Oil prices remained firm in quiet and cautious markets as traders closely followed political developments after the ceasefire in the Gulf, analysts told KUNA here today.

This morning, Britain's North Sea Brent, the most widely traded crude, was marked at \$14.35 a barrel for October shipments.

A variety of factors have combined to keep prices steady despite high oil production levels, according to Humphrey Harrison of the London-based investment company Kitcat and Aitken.

Negotiations towards great OPEC unity by Dr Subroto, the secretary general of the 13-strong organisation, along with a "relatively strong" oil product market, have both held the market up, said Harrison.

But he warned: "Those two factors are perhaps the only two saving graces that the market has until November and the OPEC meeting."

Impact

He predicted that Iraq will agree to oil production parity with Iran, as "no one wants to see an oil price collapse."

In the meantime the market faces a "very confusing" few months, Harrison said. "People are just sitting on their hands, not knowing which way things are going to go."

The portrait of uncertainty was confirmed by Mina Toksoz, editor of the Mid East forecasting unit of Business International, part of the economist group.

"The impact of the ending the war will definitely have a downward effect on prices in the medium term, but in the short term it is very difficult to tell," she told KUNA.

Islamic countries urged to avoid creation of new organisations

ISTANBUL, Sept. 6. (KUNA): Kuwait's Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi today urged Islamic countries' members of the Permanent Committee for Economic and Trade Co-operation to avoid creation of new organisations that will increase financial burdens.

Khorafi is here to attend the Organisation of Islamic Conference's permanent committee meetings which began today. He also urged concerted action and co-operation with regional economic organisations to make the Islamic regional group an influential economic bloc in global economy.

Problems

In exclusive statements to KUNA before the OIC permanent committee's session, the official attributed the delay in results achieved by economic organisations of developing states to the complex internal economic problems faced by these countries.

Discussing the prospects of the emergence of an Islamic economic bloc, Khorafi said this can be attained by co-ordination of efforts. The presence at today's meeting of member countries from African, Gulf and Asian organisations provides opportunity for exchange and contact with diverse regional blocs, he said.

The Islamic Permanent Committee for Economic and Trade Co-operation established the Islamic Development Bank, and is responsible for multilateral co-operation on food security, transport, trade and energy.

Khorafi said he will confer with Turkish officials about implementing the bilateral accord ending taxation duplicity and the agreement between Turkey and Kuwait to encourage and protect investments.

Turkish finance minister for Iraq

ANKARA, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Turkey's Finance and Customs Minister Kurtice Alptemecin left today for a three-day visit to Iraq to discuss economic and trade relations.

Officials said he would review developments after an economic commission meeting earlier this year.

The minister was accompanied by Yavuz Canevi, Undersecretary for the Treasury and Foreign Trade, and several members of the Union of Chambers of Commerce.

The issue of tens of thousands of Kurds from northern Iraq who have taken refuge in Turkey was not on the agenda, Alptemecin was quoted by the Anatolian News Agency as saying.

Another market 'setback in sight'

OECD now faces a recession

PARIS, Sept. 6. (KUNA): The economic upswing is almost over. The rich industrial member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development now face a recession.

The cyclical recovery from the severe 1981-82 recession lasted longer than most, but apart from initially and lately, growth rates remained generally sluggish, reports a London daily.

A downturn was bound to come sooner or later. But the issue is whether it will be a mild one, as in the 1950s and 1960s, or a violent one as in the 1970s and early 1980s.

Growth

During the great prosperity (the two decades before the 1973-74 oil price explosion) output did not fall in the downward phase of each cycle. Even in the worst recession years, OECD growth remained positive, as the chart shows.

But following the first and the second oil price explosions, the recessions were particularly severe. In both cases, 1974-5 and 1981-2, OECD real output fell.

New supplies will take two months to arrive in Kuwait

Demand for tyres reduced to a trickle

By Jadranka Porter

TYRE dealers in Kuwait have emptied their warehouses holding strategic stocks after a flood of customers from Iraq bought tens of thousands of tyres for Japanese cars and light trucks, bringing an unexpected windfall to Kuwait's distributors.

The demand peaked just after the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and has now been reduced to a trickle, partly because the immediate need was met, but also due to a considerable drop in

Moreover, in between these two sharp recessions, output growth barely kept pace with capacity growth, so that unemployment remained on a high plateau.

Happily economic forecasters today are predicting only a mild growth recession starting in 1989. The table shows the average of eight forecasting institutions' recently published predictions for growth and inflation in the main Group of Seven economies.

They are all expecting a slowdown in growth in every G7 country between this year and next. The average forecast for the OECD area as a whole (24 leading industrial countries), shows output slowing from 3.5 per cent this year — which is a little above the growth in capacity — to 2.3 per cent next year, which is a little below.

The case for a modest slowdown rests upon prospects for inflation. Everywhere prices are now rising faster than they were. Moreover inflation is expected to get marginally worse next year, despite the slowdown in growth. But nowhere is inflation likely to go back to the levels between 1972 and 1982.

Moderate stagflation is on the cards, not the ghastly slumpflation of those years. This makes good sense. The factors which caused slumpflation have largely disappeared.

Supplies

The end of the Gulf war is more likely to boost than reduce oil supplies, so the danger of another oil price explosion is minimal.

In most countries where wages are sensitive to the level of unemployment (Britain excepted), the dole queues remain long. Unemployment has fallen sharply in America and remains low in Japan. But neither suffers significantly from wage-push inflation.

But if the dangers of a return to rampant inflation are slight, why the need for a slowdown in world growth? There is still enough idle capacity and there are still enough jobless workers in many places, particularly in Europe, to

keep output expanding quickly. The slowdown should sensibly be confined to those economies suffering serious overheating and with problems of external imbalance. Britain and America should be putting on the brakes; Europe and Japan should keep them off.

Rise

The trouble is that finance ministers and central bankers do not see it this way. Most remain old-fashioned monetarists at heart. They regard the rapid rise in money supply over the past couple of years, largely the consequence of efforts to finance America's continuing trade deficit, as the harbinger of inflation to come.

Few distinguish between inflation in labour and product markets, which has remained moderate, and inflation in asset prices — such as houses, real estate, old masters and company shares — which at various times has been explosive.

Excessive money supply growth has already had its inflationary effects in those

markets to which the growth in credit has been applied. The danger today is that growing monetary stringency will cause more than a mild slowdown in output.

Last year, according to Richard Jeffrey of Hoare Govett, the stockbrokers, the "stock market crash gave the world's monetary authorities a vivid display of the chaos that could be caused by careless interest rate changes." So they backed off.

The economic forecasters broadly concur. But higher rates and tighter credit reduce inflation by reducing demand. Much depends on how the confidence of consumers and investors is affected.

Thus, while the severity of the monetary squeeze being imposed is not fully appreciated, it will not be fully effective. Then, when full realisation dawns, it will produce overkill. So far, Jeffrey says, "finance ministers and central bankers have been able to deceive equity markets." But he believes that another market setback is in sight.

World Business Summary

Oil prospects seen for Australia and Indonesia

CANBERRA, Sept. 6. (Reuters): A thaw in relations between Australia and Indonesia could help free a billion barrels of oil in the disputed Timor Sea, which separates the two countries. "We obviously have to acknowledge that relations have improved substantially," Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said of an agreement by the two countries at the weekend to settle a nine-year wrangle and co-operate in the search for oil in the disputed Timor Sea border line, were aggravated by an Australian newspaper report in 1986 critical of President Suharto. Indonesia barred Australian journalists and only recently resumed ministerial visits to Australia. The agreement "is a good sign that relations are very much back on course and capable of producing major constructive results," Evans told reporters today.

Under the agreement, the two countries will continue talks on the border dispute while co-operating in the search for oil in the so-called Timor Gap region of the sea. Both sides are cautious about prospects in the Timor Gap. "We think we have a billion barrels of something down there. It could be oil, gas or just water," Australian government officials said today. Under a compromise, the Gap will be divided into three areas: one administered by Indonesia and another by Australia and the third jointly. The jointly administered middle area has the best prospective and over the next 12 months officials from the two countries will resolve issues such as customs and mining legislation and propose a site for headquarters.

California Savings and Loan bailout most costly ever

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6. (AP): The federal government's \$2-billion bailout of American Savings and Loan Association of Stockton, California, will be the most costly rescue ever of a single savings institution. The Federal Home Loan Bank board announced the plan on Monday, with Chairman M. Danny Wall saying the agency will provide \$500 million in promissory notes and at least another \$1.5 billion in cash assistance over the next 10 years. The California Savings and Loan was the nation's largest insolvent savings institution. The largest previous rescue of a single savings and loan was a \$1.3-billion infusion last November into Vernon Savings and Loan Association in Texas. The Robert M. Bass Group of Fort Worth, Texas, will infuse \$50 million in private funds and assume control of the California institution, which is owned by Financial Corp. of America, Irvine, California. The bank board will own 30 per cent of the institution and will receive 75 per cent of the tax benefits arising from the transaction. Wall said Bass and negotiators for the bank board struck a deal on Friday and the board approved the agreement shortly after midnight on Saturday. He said the board decided to delay announcing it so the news would appear in newspapers on a business day. Financial Corp. of America, with \$30.2 billion in assets at the end of June, is the nation's second-largest thrift holding company, after Los Angeles-based H.F. Ahmanson and Co. Financial Corp. first came under regulatory scrutiny in 1984 when it suffered a \$6.8-billion run on deposits that sent shock waves through the industry. Another \$490-million deposit run in the first two months of this year prompted regulators in March to propose to protect all of American's depositors, even those with more than a \$100,000 insurance limit.

S. Africa grants first licence to Islamic bank

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 6. (Reuters): An Islamic bank has gained a licence from South Africa's Central Bank for the first time after repeated applications over the past seven years. South African state-run radio reported yesterday. The Reserve Bank granted the application to Islamic Corporation, which plans to operate without charging interest, forbidden by the Quran. Borrowers will pay a fee instead. "Until now the authorities have turned down applications from the group because of the Islamic Corporation's stance on not charging interest and several other factors relating to the Islamic culture which were not compatible with South African banking laws," the radio news said. South Africa's Foreign Minister P.W. Botha said in June that as he understood the religious prohibition on interest, he personally intervened with the Central Bank to grant a licence. He said that because of differences between South African Muslims two banks could eventually be licensed. Islamic Corporation's chief executive Ebrahim Kharsany told reporters the licence would enable the bank to offer a full range of services. The latest application was its 11th. There are now more than 70 Islamic banks worldwide, controlling between \$25 billion and \$30 billion. Rather than charge or pay interest, the banks claim a share in the profits of corporate borrowers and reward their depositors with a share of their own profits. A census in 1980 showed there were 353,000 Muslims in South Africa out of a total population of 25 million.

Consumer prices edge up

QUITO, Ecuador, Sept. 6. (UPI): Consumer prices in Ecuador edged up an average 5.75 per cent in August, but that figure does not reflect a large jump in gasoline prices last week, the government said yesterday. Ecuador posted accumulated inflation of 62.9 per cent for the 12-month period ending in August — the highest in its history. August inflation was up from 4.39 per cent inflation in July, the National Census and Statistics Institute said. The August does not include price increase triggered by a devaluation of the currency, the scire, and the doubling of gasoline prices on Aug. 30. The increases were ordered by President Rodrigo Borja Cevallos 21 days after coming to office. Borja accused his conservative predecessor, Leon Febres Cordero, of leading the nation to "economic and moral bankruptcy." As part of the increase package, the Borja government banned automobile imports and ordered foreign companies to deposit hard currency in the cash-strapped Central Bank. Authorities said the measure would bring inflation down to an annual rate of 30 per cent in the next 12 months.

Sharjah imports, exports soar

SHARJAH, Sept. 6. (OPECNA): The value and volume of Sharjah imports and exports remarkably increased during the first half of 1983, it was reported here yesterday. A study by the Sharjah Customs Department said the volume of foreign trade reached 714,000 tons of goods worth over \$640 million. The report said imports included foodstuffs, livestock, machinery, chemicals and fuel. The imports came from about 70 countries, it said, adding that Japan topped the list with its value reaching \$59.38 million, followed by Taiwan \$20.70 million and the US \$17.70 million. The study added that Sharjah's total imports from Arab countries reached about \$15 million. It noted that the emirate's exports had reached \$14.43 million with a volume of 220,000 tons over the same period. Sharjah is one of seven emirates forming the federal government of the United Arab Emirates.

Call to encourage private sector

ABU DHABI, Sept. 6. (OPECNA): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) has urged its 10-member states to encourage the private sector to play a more active role in their national economies. In its 14th annual report, OAPEC also called for more emphasis on joint Arab projects, especially in natural gas and pipelines. The report said more co-operation was needed between the organisation and OPEC member countries to achieve oil market stability. OAPEC-OAPEC cooperation should focus on ways to limit the rising production from non-OPEC oil producers which it described as one of the "most decisive factors" behind declining world demand from Arab oil.

Overseas firms arrive with new capital equipment

Foreign investment in US under review

WASHINGTON: Now that the dust has settled on the new trade law, the issue of foreign investment in the United States is becoming the next major public-policy issue in international business relations. Proposals are being generated at a rapid pace to restrict foreign investment.

Investment

Furthermore, the amount of foreign investment in the US is greatly exaggerated in the public mind by publicity about large real estate investments in Hawaii, California, and New York. In the aggregate, foreigners own only 5 per cent of US corporate assets and less than 2 per cent of American farmland. In the case of real estate, only 5 per cent of the foreign-owned properties are Japanese, compared with 60 per cent for the leading foreign investors, the Canadians.

The officially reported total of US direct investment abroad reached \$300 billion in 1987 (based on "book value"), compared with foreign direct investment in

the US of \$261 billion. In many instances, the value of US investments abroad is much greater figures, which are based on the price paid at the time of investment, most of it years ago.

Hegemony

Those who remember recent history can recall that, just a few decades ago, French and other continental writers were bemoaning the prospect of vast investments on the side of the Atlantic by large American companies. Their professional warts-warts wrote that the US was "buying up the Continent," and would soon wield economic and political hegemony over Europe. Nothing of the sort has happened. Now the show is on the other foot, and it pinches just as much -- or as little.

The Japanese, whose cultural propensity is for consensus building, seldom engage in hostile takeovers, even in Japan. Nor do they try to buy out large US companies. Bridgestone Corpora-

tion's purchase of Firestone was a notable exception. And in that case, Bridgestone took over a troubled company and ended up rehiring most of the laid-off employees. The fact is, the US benefits from foreign investment. Foreign investment generates jobs in this country — an estimated 3 million of them, currently, paying \$80 billion annually in wages.

Moreover, jobs are only part of the picture. Foreign companies arriving on US shores with new capital equipment and management techniques may strike fear in the hearts of some existing businesses that have grown complacent. But the new competition is a big plus for American consumers. The stimulus it provides US companies to increase their own productivity forces America to enhance its national competitiveness. That is a far more positive and desirable result than another wave of government restriction.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1988

International Bond Highlights

Tokyo — The Finance Ministry will auction 40 pct of its monthly issues of 10-year government bonds from April 1989, a ministry official said. A spokesman said it will raise the underwriting share of 0.932.

London — Hydro Quebec is issuing a 150 mn US dollar 10-year Eurobond paying 9-3/4 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (RTXH 0941)

Zurich — Japan's Kansai Electric Power Co Inc is launching a 400 mn Swiss franc 4-3/4 pct six-year bond priced at 100-3/4 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTXH 0831)

Frankfurt — Banque Externe d'Algérie is issuing a 150 mn mark bullet five-year par priced (RTXF 0808)

Tokyo — Takiron Co Ltd said it will issue 110 mn marks in five-year warrant bonds in overseas markets excluding the US (RTXG 0822) in Frankfurt, lead manager Bayerische Vereinsbank AG said. The coupon has been indicated at 1-3/4 pct. (RTXO 0915)

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
DM	10-3/4 1/2	11-7/8 3/4	12-5/16 3/16
FRT	4.70/80	4.80/90	4.95/5.05
PAR	7-9/16 11/16	7-5/8 3/4	7-15/16 8-1/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/8	3-3/8 3-5/8
BIN	7.00	7-1/8 3/16	7-7/16 9/16
ROR	10-10-1/2	11-11/2	11-1/8 11-5/8
ARS	5.18/51	5.34/44	5.46/56
TOK	3.8125 8750	4.2500 3125	4.1250 1875
ECU	7.06 7.31	7.31 7.43	7.50 7.62

Interest Rates

	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-1/16	6-5/16
3 months	6-1/16	6-5/16
6 months	6-1/8	6-7/16
1 year	6-3/16	6-1/2

BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	59.50	62	59 NICO	620	605	610
ACC	255	255	GIFC	48.50	48	47.50	90	89	89.50
ASIA-PAINT	175	172.50	GRASIN	105	107	103.50	NOCIL	632.50	635
BAJAJ AUTO	265	263.75	258.75	HIND LEVER	147.50	148	145.50	PEICAO	28
BAR-RAYON	239	245	240	WINDALCO	101	102	102	PFIZER	60
BONDING	110	110	106	KINDOCOCA	90	90	90	PRE-AUTO	29.50
BIL. BOND	96.50	95	95	KINHOTOR	27	27.50	27	RAYMOND	57.50
BSE INDEX	606.26	602.31	602.31	IND ORG	31.50	31.50	31	RELIANCE	205
CENTURYSPC	1045	1045	1040	INDRAYON	--	67	67.25	SIEMENS	85.25
COLGATE	246.25	247.50	246.25	INDROL	168.75	170	167.50	SPIC	47.75
DEEPAKERT	39	39	38.50	ITC	45	45	46	STONILLS	250
EL. HOTEL	50	49	49	JKSYNTH	73	73	72	TATA PUR	225.75
ESKAPE	122.50	123.75	122.50	L AND T	109.50	112	112.50	TATACHEM	79
ESSAR	19	19	18.75	NAHINDRA	65	66.50	62.50	TELCO	700
GAR. POLY	77.50	77.50	77	MASTERSHR	10.60	10.50	10.25	TISCO	885
GE. SHIP	29.50	29.50	28.85	NATHER PL	57	54	50	VOLTAS	345

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	NITSUB CP	1080	1090	NITSUB EL	901	911
AEG	202.6	202.5	AIJINOMOTO	2930	2930	2230	2200		
ALLIANZ VR	1525.0	1518.5	AKAI ELEC	580	585	575	575	845	845
BADENWERK	179.0	177.5	AKOI	908	906	910	920		
BAASF	261.5	261.8	ASAMI GLS	1880	1870	1870	1870	1800	1800
BAFFER	292.5	292.9	ASAMI OPT	657	660	655	655	1030	1050
BAFFER HYP	335.0	329.5	BANK TOKYO	1560	1560	1560	1560	0	1350
BAYER VER.	333.0	328.5	BRIDGESTON	1290	1270	1270	1270	771	788
BBC	301.5	303.8	CANON	1440	1480	1480	1480	1700	1710
BHF	426.0	423.0	CASIO COMP	1420	1420	1420	1420	2060	2060
BHW	492.0	480.0	CHIGAI. PHN	1680	1610	1610	1610	641	637
COMMERZBK	230.0	229.0	CITIZEN W	885	877	877	877	1110	1110
CONTI GUNN	244.1	241.8	D-ICHI KAN	2850	2850	2850	2850	665	658
DAINTER BEN	658.5	656.0	DAI NIP IK	792	776	776	776	693	680
DEUTSC BHK	475.5	469.8	DAI NIP PT	2590	2590	2590	2590	1100	1100
DLW	376.0	375.0	DAI NIP SC	1020	1050	1050	1050	3420	3460
DRESNERBKR	266.0	265.5	DAI NIP TO	646	610	610	610	900	900
DT. BARDOCK	176.0	176.5	DAICEL	805	817	817	817	1000	1120
FEINDENBERG	487.25	486.85	DAIKIN-N	1920	1940	1940	1940	810	820
FELDMUEHL	273.5	273.5	DAIMLER SEC	2220	2200	2200	2200	3740	3750
GOLDSCHMID	290.0	290.0	EBSA MFG	901	920	920	920	950	928
HARPER	432.0	430.9	EISAI	2080	2060	2060	2060	1280	1280
HOECHST AG	283.2	283.1	FUJITSU	1730	1750	1750	1750	2100	2100
HOESCH	154.0	153.5	FUJI BANK	3100	3070	3070	3070	660	670
HORTEN	198.0	193.0	FUJI PHOTO	3540	3540	3540	3540	SEIYU ST	2100
HUSSEL HD	435.0	428.2	FUJISAMA	1820	1840	1840	1840	1700	1680
KALI SALZ	166.0	166.0	FUJITA CP	710	710	710	710	SHARP	1110
KARSTADT	452.0	431.8	HITACHI	1650	1660	1660	1660	1700	1690
KAUFROD	362.6	361.0	HONDA MOT	2090	2090	2090	2090	6770	6860
KLOECK H	142.0	141.0	ISETAN	2200	2220	2220	2220	1010	1010
KLOECK W	97.6	98.0	ITO YOKADO	4020	4040	4040	4040	860	855
LINDE	67.7	67.8	JAP SYN RU	1080	1070	1070	1070	1050	1050
LUFTHANSA	142.0	140.5	JAPAN AIR	13900	14000	14000	14000	2710	2740
HAN	200.5	199.5	JAPAN MET	639	596	596	596	775	765
HANNESMAN	169.9	169.5	KAJIMA	1370	1370	1370	1370	110.40	112.82
MERCDES	528.0	523.5	KAMSAI EL	2950	2920	2920	2920	1870	1870
METALLGES	283.0	283.0	KAO SOAP	1700	1700	1700	1700	1219	1220
NIXDORF PS	427.0	427.0	KAWASAKI H	594	595	595	595	1180	1160
NORSE HYD	55.00	54.60	KAWASAKI S	708	699	699	699	5570	5590
PHILIP KON	600.0	600.0	KIRIN BREW	1880	1890	1890	1890	800	791
PORSCHE	533.0	536.0	KONATSU	726	730	722	722	1020	1030
PREUSSAG	175.0	175.0	KOTABA LTD	717	722	722	722	2050	2080
RHEINMET	225.0	221.9	KYOCERA	5570	5610				

BUSINESS

Gold gains

Dollar eases and stock markets mixed

LONDON, Sept 6. (Reuters): The dollar fell today as dealers said they felt slightly more confident that no further interest rate hikes were on the horizon.

But investors remained cautious and stock markets were mixed in quiet trading.

"They're all waiting but no one knows what they're waiting for. Even with all the good economic news they still don't want to come in," a Paris share dealer said.

Wall Street stocks edged higher. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.73 points to 2,058.32 at midday. Tokyo, Paris and Sydney shares eased slightly. The dollar fell 1.25 pence and two-third a yen to close in Europe at 1.8425 West German marks and 135.30 yen. It traded at \$1.7055 to the pound sterling.

Gold was fixed in London this afternoon at \$428.43 an ounce, up \$1.05 from Monday afternoon.

Pressure
Dealers said that although the dollar might stay under pressure, American authorities might try to keep it from sliding much more before the November 8 presidential election.

"They're not going to want a

wailing Wall Street going into the election," a London dealer said.

After Friday's news that the US jobless rate for August rose to 5.6 per cent from 5.4 per cent, the dollar and gold dropped and stock prices around the world rallied.

The higher unemployment helped ease investors' concern that inflation was on the rise, and many dealers decided it ruled out any prospect of an American interest rate hike which would boost demand for dollar-denominated bank accounts and bonds.

But dealers said they are unsure whether stocks will keep rising.

"Now we are trying to ascertain the implication of Friday's number," said Marc Cohen of Republic National Bank of New York. US markets were closed on Monday for Labour Day.

Earlier, Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei Average slipped 21.07 points to 27,520.51. Sydney's All-Ordinaries index lost 3.7 points to 1,568.2 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index eased 6.10 points to 2,502.09.

"It's a very featureless market. People don't want to buy stocks

because of the uncertainty surrounding foreign exchange and interest rates," said Shigeru Akiba, head trader at UBS Phillips and Drew International Ltd in Tokyo.

In London, equity prices were well below the day's highs in moderate late business despite the higher Wall Street opening after a long holiday weekend there, dealers said.

The pound was stronger and UK money market interest rates were lower, relieving some of the recent upward pressure on base rates. However, the market remains concerned that base rates could go higher before the end of the year.

Firmer
At 1453 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index was 6.3 points firmer at 1770.8 after touching a high of 1,777.1. Volume was a modest 274.4 million shares at 1400 GMT.

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Dealers in London had foreseen that the New York market would be susceptible to profit-taking, as Friday's 52-point gain contained a good

element of short-covering.

A report today from the US National Association of Purchasing Management showing a slowing in the recent rapid economic expansion there, coupled with last week's smaller than expected rise in July employment, has helped sentiment.

Dealers are now cautiously optimistic that US interest rates will not have to rise further.

Dealers also said there was a slight easing in the UK of tension over interest rates. Although the pound was firmer today, foreign exchange rates can still be volatile, and few dealers see much upside potential for the market ahead of August's trade figures on Sept 27.

Sterling ended 0.4 basic points higher at 75.9 on its trade-weighted index while the key three-month sterling interbank rate, considered the best benchmark for British base rates, was 1/4 point easier at 12-1/8 percent.

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speculation that P and O was stake-building ahead of a possible bid.

Analysts see Taylor Woodrow as an excellent fit with P and O.

The increased speculation in Taylor Woodrow has helped to revitalise a large part of the construction sector, dealers said.

Analysts are hastily re-rating firms, especially those with large and property assets, some of which are now being seen as heavily undervalued.

In the construction sector, Wimpey was 9p higher at 245, in common with AMEC at 347. While Beazer added 6p to 174.

Glaxo, 7p higher at 977, made a representation to the Migraine Trust International symposium in London on its new migraine drug.

Analysts said little new emerged but it helped to re-focus attention on Glaxo ahead of results due out this month.

In the wider chemicals sector, ICI, 5p up at 1,013, held an analysts meeting in Glasgow and dealers said feedback so far had been generally positive. The sector is seen benefiting from lower oil prices and a sharp increase in demand for agro-chemicals in the US after the drought there this year.

Kuwaitis still prefer gold

By Lima Khalafawi

KUWAIT boasts some 2,000 shops selling the most popular of all precious metals — gold. In addition to the major gold souks of Mubarakia, Nugra and Kuwait City, there are more than 15 trading houses which deal in precious stones.

The war also created a shortage of craftsmen and necessitated the employment of Indian and Pakistani goldsmiths who demanded higher wages.

Another dealer stated that during the last ten years, people in Kuwait have become increasingly keen to buy precious stones. Many good quality stones are brought from Belgium. Diamonds, as one example, are judged according to cut, purity, weight and colour. Other stones, such as emeralds, rubies, topaz and jade, are appraised through similar criteria. The dealer added, however, that Kuwaitis tend to prefer gold to

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By Georgina Gold

POLICEMAN Alan Godfrey could hardly believe the arresting sight before him...

It was 5.15 am, and he had been called out to locate a herd of straying cows. But suddenly, right in front of his car, was an oval-shaped object hovering above the road.

He had no idea what it could be, or where it had come from. But he decided at once that he should make some record of it. He grabbed his accident report book and started sketching.

The next moment the bemused policeman found himself half a mile further down the road, with no idea how he had got there. The flying object had mysteriously disappeared, and he had somehow inexplicably torn his boot, as if he had been dragged along the road.

He later discovered that 14 minutes had disappeared, and were totally unaccounted for. And when he returned to the spot where he had seen the object, he found the road surface, previously wet, was now completely dry with a swirled pattern on it.

At first Godfrey was too frightened to say anything ... worried about what people would say. But the next day when he discovered that three other police officers had reported seeing a brilliant light in that area, he decided he had to speak out.

P.C. Godfrey was put in touch with a local UFO team. Under hypnosis he recalled an experience so weird it might well have come straight from the pages of a best-selling science fiction book. If anything, what he said was even more fantastic.

He recalled floating in a room, and being medically examined by some small beings, with heads shaped like lamps. They were being supervised by a tall human-like being, in a white cloak who said its name was Yoseph. The aliens then spoke to him telepathically and told him that one day they would return.

Expert

It was a story that quickly convinced his superiors he had gone mad and was medically unfit for duty. But in time, even though his experience seemed more far-fetched than Dynasty star Fallon's screen abduction by a "UFO," he convinced enough people that the incident had really happened, and he decided to retire instead.

But, according to British UFO expert Jenny Randles, Godfrey is certainly not alone in his experience. And she claims abduction by flying objects is a genuine reality and not just a fantasy idea dreamed

Strange sci-fi experiences of people 'abducted' by UFOs

Former policeman Alan Godfrey is just one of more than 200 people who claim to have been kidnapped by aliens. Now UFO expert Jenny Randles claims their stories, far from being fantasy, are probably true.



An infra-red photograph of a UFO.

up by soap opera producers to boost ratings.

Jenny says that over the past decade an alarmingly high number of people from all over the world claim to have had some kind of "abduction" experience. And she insists it is these people were treated seriously and not as cranks.

Now she has just written a book called "Abduction" in which she relates more than 200 extra-terrestrial experiences recorded from around the world.

"But Jenny, one of the world's leading authorities on UFOs and little green men is anything but a publicity-seeking weirdo. Her semi-detached house in the leafy suburbs of Manchester seems a million years away from the world of flying saucers and yet the former science tea-

cher has already written 12 books on the subject. She is firmly regarded as Britain's leading authority on UFOs.

Jenny, aged 36, says: "There are currently two schools of opinion about abductions. People either think they are something dreamed up by cranks, or they believe these people really are whisked away by flying saucers.

"I think the truth lies somewhere between these two extremes."

Jenny isn't willing to commit herself to any one explanation of abductions. But she is in no doubt that all of these people have had a very real experience — which has left them totally bewildered.

She explains: "I would describe the effect that an abduction has on victims is similar to

that experienced by rape victims. They feel embarrassed to talk to anybody and very isolated. Often they find it difficult to cope with ordinary life. Sometimes their marriages break up and some have lost their jobs.

"Some people say that those who claim they've been abducted are just over-imaginative and attention seeking. But if that's so, why do so many of them tell me they wish it had never happened to them?"

One of Jenny's more bizarre stories is that of a British woman who claimed to be "married" to an alien.

She also tells of victims undergoing medical examinations and a man who claims he was cosmetically raped!

And another incident involved a man who was convinced that aliens regularly appeared at his local supermarket — cleverly disguised as humans. He knew they were aliens for two very important reasons. Firstly, they told him so — telepathically. And secondly, they were piling dozens of tins of dog food into a trolley — a sure giveaway if ever he saw one!

Starting

One of the most startling stories concerning UFOs came from the Day family, who lived in Avelock in Essex. In October 1974 while driving home in their car they saw a blue light in the sky, but laughed it off and forgot about it. Then, rounding a bend, they came upon a patch of green mist in the middle of the road, just outside their village. They could not avoid it and drove straight into it, which caused their radio to spark. In what seemed just a few seconds later however, they were out of the mist with a "bump" and on their way home.

When they arrived home they were shocked to discover it was suddenly 1 a.m. They had lost two and a half hours without any memory.

After that many things happened to the family. They had several psychic experiences, such as objects mysteriously moving and apparitions seen.

When they were studied by doctors under hypnosis it emerged that the family had been "drawn out" of their car when they had entered the green mist. Their abductors — human-like figures had worn silver suits and "balalaika helmets". It seemed that yet another baffling "kidnap" case had taken place ...

A 20-year-old supermarket manager also had a close encounter of the mysterious kind. He was walking home one night in Buckinghamshire when he spotted a light that flashed onto the ground and turned into a greenish bullet-shaped object.

A beam hit the ground and a very tall being in a silver — one piece suit materialized. It glided toward him and moved its hand up and down his face, giving him the sensation that he was being drawn out of his mind. Eventually the figure returned to the beam and was pulled up into the beam. Years later, the man still gets the urge to visit the spot and stare at the sky.

Now Jenny believes there is a definite pattern to most abductions. There are certain features that recur time and time again, which include telepathic communication in which the aliens tell their victims not to be afraid, time loss of anything from minutes to several hours

be rechecked.

Some physicians are using "24-hour ambulatory blood pressure monitors" to automatically check blood pressures at regular intervals for a 24-hour period. These monitors are not yet widely used, but they are becoming more common.

Blood pressure should be controlled so that your body's organs aren't damaged by high pressure. Blood vessels in your kidneys, your brain, your heart and your eyes are just some of the vessels that are particularly sensitive to high pressure. Any method you have of learning more about your blood pressure will be helpful to you and your physician.

QUESTION: I am currently being treated with medicine for my breast cancer. This is a difficult time, and I am trying to keep calm and not develop any more anxiety than exists now. I need more information. I would like to know how long I must endure this.

ANSWER: That's a question physicians and cancer researchers raise often because not everyone agrees on the answer. The treatment you mention, chemotherapy, uses combinations of extremely strong drugs that can kill the cancer cells.

FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I take my blood pressure at home every day. I do it religiously and keep careful notes. It takes time and I wondered if it was worth it. Is this information helpful for my doctor?

ANSWER: If you are taking your blood pressure yourself, you probably have noticed that it varies considerably with your physical activity, your emotions, your diet, and by factors that you can't put your finger on. This is normal — your blood pressure is a dynamic force, one that rises and falls in response to the changing circumstances of your day and your body's reaction to them.

You can see that taking your blood pressure only occasionally gives readings that may not reflect the true picture. If these occasional readings are taken only in the doctor's office, they may be even more inaccurate because many of us are a bit uneasy there.

If you and your doctor agree that your home blood pressure monitoring equipment is accurate and that you use it correctly, your home readings will be helpful in getting an accurate picture of your blood pressure. Ask your physician to check your equipment against the equipment in his office, and always take it to the office with you so it can

Traditionally, a patient with metastatic (spreading) breast cancer received chemotherapy for as long as no progression of the disease could be noted. Once additional spread could be detected, medication was stopped. Now, some oncologists (cancer specialists) prefer using chemotherapy for six to eight months. The chemotherapy is repeated only if they find a new outbreak or spread of the cancer.

Although continuous chemotherapy may increase the survival rate more than shorter courses of drugs, some comparative studies show little or no difference. The quality of life for cancer patients must be considered, since chemotherapy can be very difficult to endure. Shorter courses of chemotherapy (three months), however, do not have as good a response rate.

I understand your feelings — hold tight. Since physicians vary in their methods of treatment, I can only advise you to discuss this matter more fully with your own physician, who can explain his treatment strategy for your case. You may have a happy surprise and find the time of treatment is shorter than you have imagined.

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and loss of memory about how they found their way into the spaceship.

Jenny explains: "The thing that has amazed me is the extreme similarities between cases from all over the world from Africa to South America.

"All the witnesses I have spoken to have been very sincere. Very often I have come across people describing word for word what someone else has told me about their experience, when there is no way they could have heard what the other person has to say. That is very frightening.

"Most people's knowledge of abduction is only that which is sensationalised in the media. I want people to realise and understand that there is something very real, known as the abduction phenomenon. What it is we don't know, but we want it to be widely researched to give us an idea just what is going on.

"One hundred years ago people thought epilepsy was caused by devils, but now we know it is a medical condition. We need a change of attitude towards abduction so that we can try to find out what it really is."

Starting

"People who make these astonishing claims are just ordinary people. There have been policemen, housewives, army officers to name but a few. What has emerged is they are not psychologically disturbed or under stress. They just

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Spaceship: taken in 1975, this photograph shows a beamship and an accompanying remote-controlled aircraft. (inset), author Jenny Randles.

Six years later Jenny joined the UFO research organisation BUFORA, which investigates sightings around Britain.

She soon learned that nine out of ten sightings can easily be explained away. But there were occasions, too, when they couldn't be.

Jenny says: "There are 175 things that can be mistaken for unidentified flying objects.

"There was once a spate of sightings by fishermen who reported seeing a bright object flying over some woods. That turned out to be an owl that had eaten some decaying fungus which glowed in the dark.

"A lot of people want an explanation but others are quite disappointed when it turns out there is a perfectly natural reason for the occurrence.

"But, if one in ten is unex-

plained, that means that out of 300 to 400 reports we get each year, there are 30 to 40 rock solid cases which can't be explained.

People who say it's a load of old rubbish simply don't understand the importance of what has happened to the people who say they have seen a UFO.

"I appeal to them to look behind the sensational headlines. Many people need counseling to help them cope with the experience ... to them it is very real."

* Abduction by Jenny Randles, published by Robert Hale, (£10.95).

Psychologists challenge alien encounter reports

Fantasy-prone psyche 'behind abduction'

By Rebecca Kolberg

WASHINGTON. (UPI): One controversial theory, proposed recently by a psychologist, holds that the so-called victims of weird little creatures from outer space are more the victims of a "fantasy-prone" personality, a still poorly understood psychological state.

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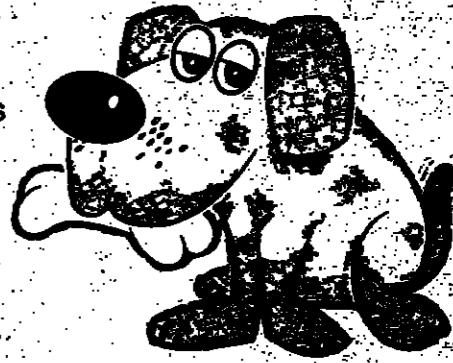
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Red Sox move ahead of Tigers in AL East

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (AP): The Boston Red Sox finally got over the hump by jumping over the Detroit Tigers in the American League East.

A 4-3 victory over the Baltimore Orioles coupled with the Tigers' 5-4 10-inning loss to Toronto moved the Red Sox into undisputed possession of first place in the AL East for the first time this season.

In other American League games yesterday, Minnesota beat Seattle 2-0, Milwaukee downed Chicago 5-2, New York won 7-2 over Cleveland, California took Kansas City 4-2 and Oakland overpowered Texas 11-4.

Mike Smithson won for the first time since July 23 and Larry Parrish and Dwight Evans each hit home runs in Boston's important victory.

"Smithson threw a lot better than it's going to look in the paper," Red Sox manager Joe Morgan said. "He got the outs he had to get and they got a lot of cheap hits."

Smithson looked to be struggling. He had two men on with less than two outs in four of the first five innings, but was not reaching for a run until the fifth.

"I was real happy with how I pitched," Smithson said. "I had all the pitches. It may have looked like they were getting a lot of hits, but they were high bouncers and bloopers... it's a funny game, the line drives get caught and the bloopers fall in."

Attack

In Detroit, Ernie Whitt homered leading off the 10th inning to power Toronto over the Tigers, who have lost five in a row and 12 of their last 14 games. It's the first time since July 27 that the Tigers have not been in first place.

For Oakland, Storm Davis won his 10th straight game and Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco homered to lead a 15-hit attack as the A's crushed the Rangers 11-4.

"California's Wally Joyner doubled home the tying run in the eighthinning, then scored the game-winner on an error by right fielder Bo Jackson in the Angels' 2-1 victory over the Royals in Kansas City.

Paul Molitor hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the first inning, sending Milwaukee over Chicago for its seventh straight victory, 5-2 over the White Sox.

The Yankees' Don Mattingly singled home the go-ahead run and Ken Phelps hit a three-run homer as New York scored six times in the eighth inning to rally past the Indians 7-2.

And in Minneapolis, Frank Viola pitched five-hit ball for 8 2/3 innings and John Moses' RBI single broke a scoreless tie in the eighth inning as the Twins beat the Mariners 2-0.

Nerves were more of an obstacle for Bob Forsch in his first appearance as a Houston Astro than the Cincinnati Reds.

Forsch allowed five hits in eight innings and hit a three-run double as the Astros defeated Cincinnati 3-0 Monday night, snapping the Reds' five-game winning streak.

Nervous

"I remember my first start (ever), it was against Cincinnati when they were the big red machine. I was just as nervous starting this game. It was deja vu," Forsch said.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 0; San Diego 7, San Francisco 4; New York 7, Pittsburgh 5; St. Louis 6; Montreal 2; and in a doubleheader, Chicago beat Philadelphia 14-3 in the first game and the Phillies came back to win the nightcap, 4-3.

Reds rookie starter Norm Charlton, 1-3, let Glenn Davis with a pitch leading off the fifth of the game with Houston and Buddy Bell singled. After a sacrifice by Billy Hatcher advanced the runners, Rafael Ramirez was intentionally walked to load the bases.

King wins Charity Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 6. (Reuter): Betsy King beat Margaret Ward by two strokes at the \$250,000 Charity Classic yesterday to notch her second US LPGA tournament of the year.

King started out strongly with birdies on holes one, two and four but gave back strokes on six and seven to card a one-under-par 71 on the day and a 207 total to win this event for the third time in four years.

Strong

"I feel like I had a lot of chances to put it away, but just didn't make the putts," King said. "I made a couple of bad swings on the sixth and seventh and that

NAVRATILOVA AND GRAF ADVANCE

Krickstein eliminates Edberg



Chang: defeated Wilkinson

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (AP): Aaron Krickstein gained fame at the US Open as a teenager in 1983. Then his career took a downward curve.

It took another positive bounce last night, however, as Krickstein upset third-seeded Stefan Edberg to advance to the quarterfinals of the Open.

Krickstein downed the Wimbledon champion 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 7-5 in a 3-hour, 52-minute match at the National Tennis Centre.

In women's play, Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova moved a step closer to championship showdown, overcoming shaky starts to steamroll into the quarterfinals.

Nap

Graf, losing more games than she had in her three previous matches, beat American Party Fendick 6-4, 6-2 to move within three victories of the first tennis Grand Slam since 1970.

Navratilova, who took a nap just before the match, appeared to be sleepwalking as she lost the first four games to Elsa Reinach of South Africa. But the two-time defending champion awoke in time to win 10 straight games en route to a 6-4, 6-1 victory.

In men's play, top-seeded Ivan Lendl, No. 4 Andre Agassi and No. 6 Jimmy Connors breezed

into the fourth round.

Second-seeded Mats Wilander advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Mark Woodforde, the Australian who upset John McEnroe in the second round.

Krickstein's victory brought back memories of his perfor-

mance as a 16-year-old, when he beat Edberg in a five-set match and made it to the fourth round before losing to Yannick Noah. He was ranked 12th in the world in 1984 but fell to 61st by the end of last year.

"If I get into a fifth set, I feel I can win it," said the Grosse

Pointe, Michigan, resident, now ranked 20th. "I'm unbeaten (6-0) at the Open in five-setters. It was a tight match, back and forth, and I love when it gets down to that."

"At one stage I was in control. I should have won this match," said Edberg, who reached the Open semifinals the past two years.

Navratilova admitted there was a reason for her performance.

"I probably shouldn't tell you this, but I took a nap before the match and I wasn't quite awake at the beginning," the two-time defending champion said. "You know how it is. It takes time to wake up."

Graf also had to shake off a first-set slumber before moving within three victories of the Grand Slam.

"The first week is very easy," said Graf, who had lost a total of four games in her three previous matches. "Now comes the work."

Another unseeded Aussie, Darren Cahill, moved into the quarters with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 win over Martin Laurendeau of Canada. Joining him in the quarterfinals was Emilio Sanchez of Spain, who beat Australian John Frawley 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

In third-round matches,

ninth-seeded Tim Mayotte lost to fellow American Derrick Rosigno 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 and Ronald Agner of Haiti beat Jason Stoltenberg of Australia 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Lendl stretched his open winning streak to 24 matches with a 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 victory over American Scott Davis; Connors eliminated Pieter Aldrich of South Africa 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; and Agassi beat Johan Kriek 6-3, 6-1, 2-6, 6-0.

Ousted

Two other men's seeds, No. 12 Guillermo Perez-Roldan and No. 15 Anders Jarryd, were ousted from the tournament. Perez-Roldan was beaten by Jorge Lozano of Mexico 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7-2) and Jarryd fell to Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Michael Chang, 16, became the youngest man to reach the fourth round since Krickstein in 1983. Chang defeated fellow American Tim Wilkinson 4-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

The No. 7 women's seed, Helena Sukova, was beaten by No. 14 Katerina Maleeva 6-1, 6-3. Joining Maleeva in the quarterfinals were third-seed Chris Evert, No. 5 Gabriela Sabatini, No. 11 Zina Garrison and No. 16 Larisa Savchenko.



Tyson wheeled into an ambulance on Sunday as Robin Givens (left) looks on. (Reuters photo)

Tyson scheduled to undergo further tests

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (UPI):

Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson was to remain in the hospital at least until this evening undergoing evaluation for injuries suffered in a weekend car accident, one of his representatives said yesterday.

A spokesman for Tyson's publicist, Howard J. Rubenstein Associates, said the condition of the 22-year-old champion is stable.

"He is scheduled to undergo further diagnostic tests," the spokesman said. He added Tyson might stay "a number of more days, I'm not sure."

Condition

Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Centre officials released no new information on the fighter's condition. They said he could not be reached by phone because he asked not to have one.

Dr. Carolyn Britton, a neurologist, said on Sunday night Tyson sustained "minor

injuries to his head and chest wall" when his BMW crashed into a tree on a rain-slicked road on Sunday morning.

The doctor added Tyson was in "stable condition and was admitted for observation and diagnostic tests. He is asymptomatic and neurologically normal."

Tyson was moved to New York from Columbia-Greene Medical Centre in Catskill, about 20 miles (30 km) south of Albany. The boxer's wife, actress Robin Givens, and mother-in-law, Ruth Roper, requested the transfer, according to the fighter's manager, Bill Cayton.

Cayton said it was too early to know if the fight with Frank Bruno will be postponed. The Bruno bout already had been pushed back from Oct. 8 to Oct. 22 because of a hand injury Tyson suffered in an Aug. 23 street fight with former opponent Mitch Green.

Giants beat Redskins

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Sept. 6. (AP): Tom Flynn returned a blocked punt 27 yards to the end zone for his first score in eight NFL seasons.

The Redskins scored with 11 seconds left on Williams' 19-yard pass to Kelvin Bryant.

The Giants were outplayed and outhit for the first quarter and a half. Washington took a 13-0 lead in the first 18 minutes on two field goals by Chip洛miller and a 29-yard touchdown pass from Williams to Ricky Sanders.

But then the defense, led by Carl Banks, Erik Howard and Pepper Johnson, came alive, keeping Washington deep in its own territory for most of the next two quarters.

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Swiss athlete

GENEVA, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Swiss Markus Ryffel, 5,000 metres silver medalist in the 1984 Olympics, said today he was withdrawing from the team for the Seoul Games because of injury.

English cricketer

LONDON, Sept. 6. (Reuter): England all-rounder Phillip DeFreitas has decided to join Lancashire, the county cricket club said yesterday. DeFreitas, who has had a series of upsets at Leicestershire, has played 12 Tests since making his debut against Australia in Brisbane two years ago.

Pietro Mennea

MILAN, Italy, Sept. 6. (AP): Pietro Mennea, the veteran Italian sprinter, today pulled out of the national track and field championships, ending his hopes to qualify for the Olympic Games for the fifth time.

Wrestler dies

LONDON, Sept. 6. (Reuter): British wrestling champion Stephen Cooper, a member of the team for this month's Olympic Games, died yesterday, 24 hours after being involved in a road accident.

Romanian athlete

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 6. (AP): Daniela Costain of Romania, who had the longest discus throw of the year at one point, has been granted asylum in Turkey and is now seeking to emigrate to Australia, officials said today.

Belgian team

BRUSSELS, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Belgium have dropped two members of their Olympic team after they were positively dope tested, a spokesman for the Belgian Olympic Committee said today. Piet Moens told Reuters that Peter Naessens and Dominique Dejose, from the track cycling team, had been found positive in two successive tests.

Swedes win

VAXJO, Sweden, Sept. 6. (UPI): Sweden crushed East Germany 26-18 in a friendly pre-Olympic handball game last night. Previously this year, only the Soviet Union had managed to beat East Germany, which is expected to clinch a medal at the Olympics.

Volleyball coach

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 6. (UPI): Swedish volleyball coach Anders Kristiansson has agreed on contract terms with Italian club Bologna. Kristiansson, who has made an elite nation out of Sweden in the 1980s, has previously turned down offers from clubs in France, Greece, Belgium and West Germany.

Harding triumphs

SYDNEY, Sept. 6. (UPI): Australian Jeff Harding yesterday stopped American light-heavyweight Dean Moore in the eighth round of their scheduled 10-round bout at the Hordern Pavilion. Moore came into the ring with 19 wins and a draw from 27 professional bouts, attacked early in the fight but he could not withstand the relentless short-range punching of the young Aussie.

Steaua Bucharest to meet Sparta Prague

PATRON'S XI ALL OUT FOR 246

Ejaz slams Aussies for 97

LAHORE, Pakistan, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Ejaz Ahmed hammered a warning to Australia with a muscular 97 off 98 balls as he led the Pakistan Patron's XI to a first innings total of 246 on the second day of their three-day match against the touring team. Middle-order batsman Ejaz hit three sixes off leg-spinner Peter Sleep and a total of 16 fours as the Patron's XI replied to Australia's first innings total of 317 for three declared.

At the close, Australia were 57 for one in their second innings, a lead of 128.

Weather

Australian captain Allan Border retired to the dressing-room with a bad headache, apparently brought on by the hot, sticky weather and the after-effects of a 30-hour journey from Brisbane.

The game was brought forward one day to avoid playing on the death anniversary of Pakistani state founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah in the second match. This meant the Australians arrived on Sunday and went straight into their first fixture yesterday.

South Australian Sleep and fellow spinner Peter Taylor had the best of the bowling with four and three wickets apiece, while paceman Bruce Reid cleaned up the tail.

Sleep, Australia's answer to Pakistan's legendary Abdul Qadir, was among the wickets in his first over when he trapped opener Moin-ul-Atiq leg before.

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